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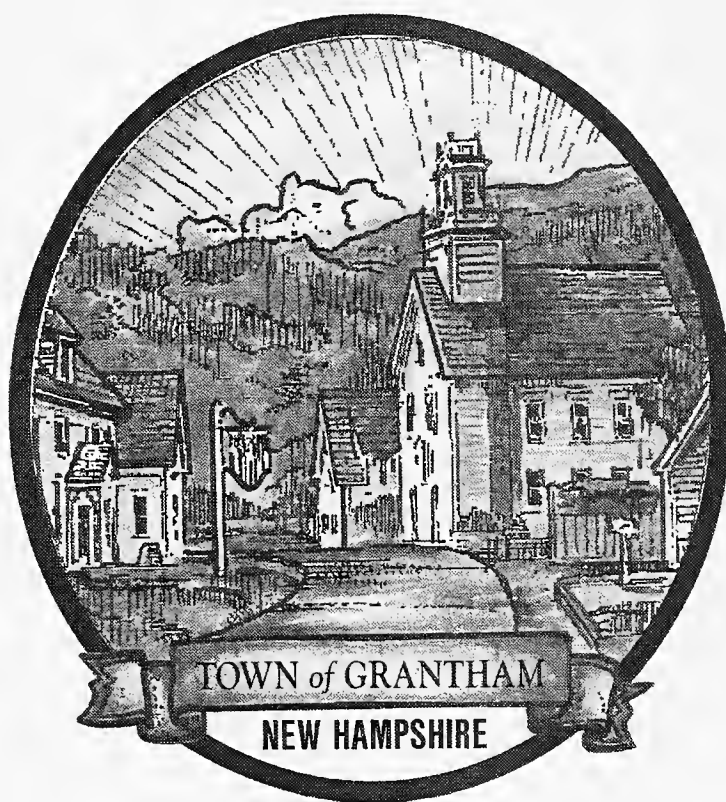
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FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005

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DEDICATION

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

— Margaret Mead (1901-1978),
United States anthropologist

The 2005 Annual Town Report is dedicated to all those involved with the new town building. There were many instrumental individuals who put numerous hours into the research, design and presentation of the building. There were also individuals who donated their time and materials for the groundbreaking ceremony and furnishings for the new building. Everyone joined together to make the new building something we all can be extremely proud of. This building will be the centerpiece of Grantham — visible to all who drive on Route 10.

Thank you taxpayers of Grantham for providing a state-of-the-art building for the employees and residents to enjoy for many years to come.



Harold Haddock, Constance Jones, Bill Hutchins and Tina Stearns at the October 2004 groundbreaking ceremony



Norm Beaulieu of Hastings Concrete



Sid Hastings of H&T Construction



David Beaulieu and Tom Kimball



Plumbers Ted Sexton and Paul Hamilton



Brian Menard checking the grade.



Brian Hastings of Hastings Construction



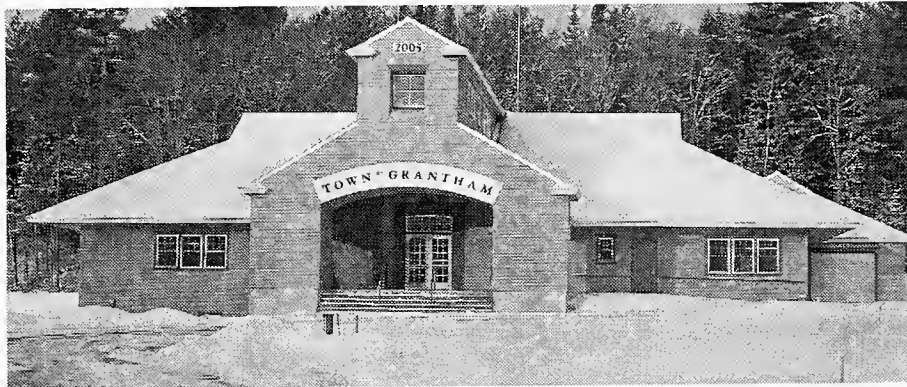
David Hastings checks a drainage culvert.



Richard Waddell is on the job.



Old Grantham Town Office



Laura Jean Whitcomb

New Grantham Municipal Building

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CLOSED FRIDAY

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CLOSED FRIDAY

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E-mail: highway@granthamnh.net

POLICE

Non-Emergency Phone: 863-3232

Emergency: 911

PO Box 704, 300 Route 10 South

E-mail: police@granthamnh.net

BURN PERMITS

Fire Warden Douglass Demers

Phone: 863-5710

FIRE

Non-Emergency Phone: 863-5710

Emergency: 911

E-mail: fireDept@granthamnh.net

DUNBAR FREE LIBRARY

Phone: 863-2172

PO Box 1580, Route 10 South

Monday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

and 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday, 9 a.m. to noon

Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

TRANSFER STATION

1150 Route 114

Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday, 8 a.m. to noon

Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday, 10 a.m. to noon, and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon

SCHOOLS

GRANTHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL

Phone: 863-1681

75 Learning Drive

SAU #75

Phone: 863-9689 Fax: 863-9684

PO Box 287, 300 Route 10 South

LEBANON JR. HIGH SCHOOL

Phone: 448-3056

75 Bank Street, Lebanon

LEBANON SR. HIGH SCHOOL

Phone: 448-2055

195 Hanover Street, Lebanon

OTHER

EASTMAN

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Phone: 863-4240

VILLAGE DISTRICT

Phone: 863-6512

MEETING TIMES

Board of Selectmen — Second and fourth Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Town Hall Conference Room, 300 Route 10 South

Planning Board — First Thursday at 7 p.m.

Town Hall Conference Room, 300 Route 10 South

Zoning Board of Adjustment — By call of Chair

Town Hall Conference Room, 300 Route 10 South

Conservation Commission — Third Monday at 7 p.m.

Town Hall Conference Room, 300 Route 10 South

TOWN OFFICERS – YEAR 2005

Moderator

Merle Schotanus, 2006

Assistant Town Moderator

Victoria Smith

Board of Selectmen

Harold Haddock Jr., 2006

Constance Jones, 2007

William Hutchins, 2008

Town Administrator

Tina Stearns

Administrative Assistant

Sarah Barton

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Rita Eigenbrode, 2007

Cynthia Towle, Deputy

Treasurer

Christopher Morris, 2008

Stephen Adamic, Deputy

John Trethaway, Deputy

Building Committee

Bob Champagne

Bob Friday

Mary Hutchins

Roger Woodworth

Bruce St. Peter

Bill Zimmerman

Cemetery Trustees

Dennis Howard, 2006

Arnold "Andy" Anderson, 2007

G. Warren Kimball, 2008

Cemetery Sexton

Warren Legacy

Conservation Commission

Richard Hocker, 2006

Andy Eastman, 2006

Patricia Short, 2008

Jeremy Turner, 2008

Adele Furdyna, Alt., 2008

Patricia Woolson, Alt., 2008

Custodian

Rosie Bard

Dunbar Free Library Trustees

John Trethaway, 2006

Patrick O'Bryan, 2006

Hope Miller, 2007

Donald Kreis, 2007

Donna Stamper, 2008

Librarian

Dawn E.S. Huston

B. Joey Holmes, Assistant

Emergency Management**Director**

F. Robert Osgood

Fence Viewers

Russell and Christine Lary

F.A.S.T. Squad

Stuart Gillespie, Coordinator

Jeff Figley, Asst. Coordinator

Susan Figley, Secretary

Jane Chipman, Treasurer

Jill Davis

Jeremiah Fountain

Bruce Chipman

Candace Barker

Daniel Casella

Morgan Figley

Nancy Banville

David Beckley

Fire Department

Douglass Demers, Chief

Mike Benoit, Deputy Chief

Chris Palermo, Captain

Robert Seavey, Captain

Stephen Palermo, Lieutenant

Steve Haselton, Lieutenant

Donald Barton

Francis Mutney

James Palermo

Michael Palermo

Rosie Bard

Robin Palermo

Jeremiah Fountain

Justin Hastings

David Beckley

William Follensbee

Michael Durkin

David Steller

Wayne Small

Ryan Gallien

Joseph Banville

Richard Coville

Barry Sleath

Christopher Swift

Fire Warden

Douglass Demers

Health Officer

Dr. David Frucht

Charles McCarthy, Deputy

Historical Society

Allen Walker, President

Conrad Frey, Treasurer

Mort Shea

Dennis Howard

Bob Champagne

Pat Andrews

Barbara Mutney

Hog Reeves

Cynthia Towle

G. Warren Kimball

Amy Palermo, Assistant

Master Plan Committee

Kevin Carey, Chairman

Kristina Burgard

Conrad Frey

Connie Howard

Patricia Short

Fred Vogt

Larry Fuller

Jeremy Turner

Planning Board

Carl Hanson, 2006

Robert Barnes, 2007

Charles McCarthy, 2008

Constance Jones, Sel. Rep.

Larry Fuller, Alt., 2007

Karen Ryan, Alt., 2008

Paul "Trip" Anderson, Clerk

Police Department

Russell Lary, Chief

Walter Madore, Captain

Cara Tibbits, Officer

Tom Harriman, Officer

Michael Szelangowski,

Captain

Robert Schwartz, Special

J. Michael Johnson, Special

Massad Ayoob, Special

Teresa Mastin, Secretary

Recreation Department

Gary Broughall, Director

Troy Guerin, Asst. Director

Reps to the General Court

Steve Prichard

Charlotte Houde Quimby

Peter Hoe Burling

Rep to NH/VT Solid Waste

Arthur Magowan

Ed Jenik, Alternate

Harold Haddock Jr., Alternate

Road Agent

Joseph Newcomb

Jeff Hastings, Assistant

School Board

Jean Liepold, 2006

Maureen Ransom, 2006

Larry Fuller, 2007

Fred Vogt, 2008

Cynthia Chew, 2008

SAU #75

John Moses, Superintendent

Kelly Cornish,

Administrative Assistant

Supervisors of the Checklist

Deborah Cheever, 2006

Donna Stamper, 2008

Sandra Noordsy, 2010

Town Archivist

Lea Frey, 2006

Transfer Station

Tony Wilson, Supervisor

Frank Chaisson, Attendant

Ray Hamilton, Attendant

Trustees of Trust Funds

Connie Howard, 2006

Conrad Frey, 2007

Stephen Handley, 2008

Welfare Official

Board of Selectmen

Town Administrator

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Conrad Frey, 2007

Dick Mansfield, 2008

John Clayton, 2008

Peter Gardiner, 2006

Kristina Burgard, 2007

Myron Cummings, Alt., 2007

Margery Bostrom, Alt. 2006

Sarah Barton, Clerk

RIGHT-TO-KNOW LAW

1. What is the “Right-to-Know” Law, RSA 91-A?

It is New Hampshire’s statute that emphasizes that the business of the Town is the public’s business. It makes clear that, with very few exceptions, the public has access to Town records and meetings held in connection with Town Government.

2. Who does it cover?

All of us, whether we are elected officials, employees or volunteers serving on Boards of the Town of Grantham.

3. What does it cover?

It covers all “meetings.” A “meeting” occurs whenever a quorum of a Board, Committee or Subcommittee gathers and discusses or acts upon a matter over which that Board, Committee or Subcommittee has supervision, control, jurisdiction or advisory power. The law also requires that the business of a Board be conducted at a meeting, rather than by telephone, e-mail or private gathering of individuals.

4. If it is a meeting, what does that mean?

- A notice of the time and place of a meeting must be posted at least 24 hours in advance (excluding Sundays and legal holidays) in at least two (2) public places.
- The public is entitled to attend and may record or videotape the proceedings.
- All votes, with the very few exceptions itemized below, must be taken in open session and not by secret ballot.
- Minutes must be taken and made available to the public within 144 hours.

5. When can we hold a nonpublic session?

Rarely. The Right-to-Know Law lists certain limited situations, which allow a Board to go into nonpublic session. Those situations are:

- Dismissal, promotion or setting compensation for public employees, RSA 91-A:3, II (a).
- Consideration of the hiring of a public employee, RSA 91-A:3, II (b).

- Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person — however, this cannot be used to protect a person who is a member of your Board, Committee or Subcommittee, RSA 91-A:3, II (c).
- Consideration of the purchase, sale, or lease of real or personal property, RSA 91-A:3, II (d).
- Discussion of pending or threatened (in writing) litigation, RSA 91-A:3, II (e).

6. How do we go into nonpublic session?

A motion must be made which specifically identifies the statutory category which is the reason for going into nonpublic session, and then a roll call vote must be taken in which each member’s vote on the motion must be recorded.

7. If we go into nonpublic session, what then?

- Minutes must be taken just as you would in an open session.
- Decisions can be made in nonpublic session.
- You must stick to the subject which was the reason for going into the nonpublic session; if there is need to discuss other matters which discussion would be covered by a different exemption, you need to first come out of nonpublic session and then vote to go back in under that different exception. It is only in this way that a proper record can be prepared for public review.
- The minutes from the nonpublic session must be made public within 72 hours unless two-thirds of the members, while in nonpublic session, determine that the divulgence of the information likely would adversely effect the reputation of any person other than a member of the Board, Committee or Subcommittee, or render the proposed action ineffective. Under those circumstances, the minutes may be withheld until those circumstances no longer apply. Action required to sequester.

8. Which Public Records are accessible?

The public has access to all records held by the Town except to the extent they may fall under one of the exemptions listed above.

9. How quickly do the records need to be supplied?

If the requested record cannot conveniently be made available immediately, there is a deadline of five (5) business days for complying with the request.

10. If there is a question as to whether something is open to the public, what do I do?
Consult with the Selectmen and they will get advice from Town Counsel, if necessary.**11. In what format can the public demand that Town records be produced?**

Most records are available for photocopying, but the Right-to-Know Law also extends the right to obtain computer disks of material already in the Town's computers. A reasonable charge can be made to cover the cost of providing the copies or disks. In no case, however, does a member of the public have the right to demand that the Town collect, search for, or arrange information that is not already pulled together for the Town's own purposes.

This document is intended as a general outline of the "Right-to-Know" Law and is somewhat simplified for ease of use. If you have any questions, please contact the Board of Selectmen.

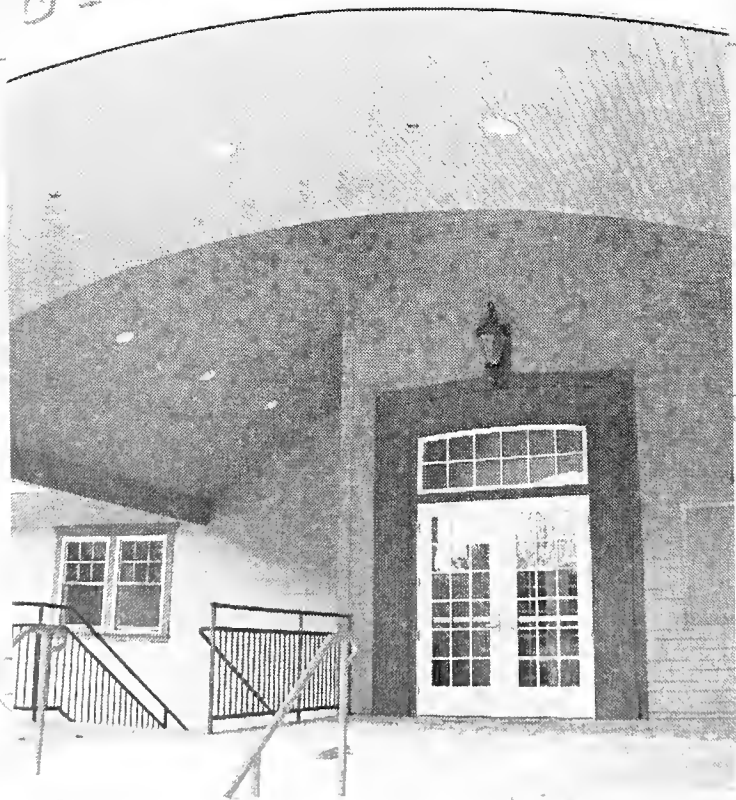
2005 Town Meeting Rules

1. Nonvoters who are not officers of the town may be allowed to address the meeting only if the town votes to permit it.
2. All voters will direct their remarks to the moderator. Whenever a voter wishes to speak, he or she will address the moderator and identify himself or herself.
3. Unless superseded by state law, reconsideration of a vote on any article should be brought up immediately after the vote has been declared. A vote on the issuance of bonds or notes over \$100,000 cannot be reconsidered at the same meeting. The town may also vote to restrict reconsideration of any other vote in the same manner.
4. The moderator will conduct a secret "yes-no" ballot vote when five voters make a written request prior to a voice or show of hands vote on any article open for discussion.
5. Any ruling by the moderator can be challenged. The moderator will conduct a secret "yes-no" ballot when seven or more voters question any nonballot vote immediately after the vote is declared, and before any other business is conducted.
6. All proposed amendments to articles will be submitted in writing to the moderator prior to discussion of the amendment.



It once was the location of the old state salt shed. After extensive site clearing — Wes Hastings is pictured here — acres of land, once hidden from view, are ready to host the new Town Office building.

GRANTHAM



TOWN OF GRANTHAM NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

YEAR 2005

SS. STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SULLIVAN COUNTY

To the inhabitants of the Town of Grantham, in Sullivan County, in the State of New Hampshire, *who are qualified to vote in town affairs*:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Grantham will be held at the **Grantham New Town Hall, 300 Route 10 South** on **Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.** to act on the following subjects. Articles 1 – 9 shall be by ballot at the polls which shall be open from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. The remaining articles shall be considered during the business meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m.

ARTICLE 1 – Election of Officers

To choose by ballot and major vote for the ensuing years as enumerated:

Selectman	3 years
Town Moderator	2 years
Trustee of Trust Funds	3 years
Planning Board (2)	3 years
Library Trustee (2)	3 years
Cemetery Trustee	3 years
Supervisor of the Checklist	6 years

ARTICLE 2 – Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Revise Article III – F Flood Plain Conservation District to include the latest insurance study and maps by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); to add new requirements to Article VIII – H-3 Variances for any variances granted within the flood plain overlay district; and to include a new Article XI – Definitions applicable specifically to the flood management ordinance. **RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD**

Rationale: FEMA has requested that all towns in the State of New Hampshire adopt the above changes to their Zoning Ordinances so that they may continue to be eligible for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

_____YES

_____NO

ARTICLE 3 – Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Add a new paragraph to Article IX Administration and Enforcement authorizing the Zoning Board of Adjustment to request reasonable fees for the expense of consultant services or investigative studies which may be required for a particular application as permitted in RSA 673:16. **RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD**

Rationale: The State Office of Energy and Planning recommends this amendment in the handbook for local officials "The Board of Adjustment in New Hampshire" released in January 2005. This is to allow the Board to have access to information in more complex applications where specialized knowledge is required to come to a prudent decision.

_____YES

_____NO

ARTICLE 4 – Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Completely revise, expand and reorganize Article VI – Special Provision: Cluster Residential Development to better assist applicants as well as the Planning Board in applying the parameters for this form of subdivision which allows reduced lot dimensions but maintains the density permitted in the Rural/Residential District. **RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD**

Rationale: Cluster residential development is an important form of development permitting smaller sized lots which allows for the preservation of more permanent open fields/woods than possible in a regular subdivision development and also lessens the need for extended roads and utility lines within the development.

_____YES

_____NO

ARTICLE 5 – Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Add a new article to allow collection of impact fees which are an assessment on development, including subdivision, other building construction or land use change to help meet the needs occasioned by this development for any necessary improvements or additional facilities owned or operated by the town such as local or regional schools, roads, municipal facilities, public safety facilities, recreational facilities and waste management. **RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD**

Rationale: Continued development could put a strain on existing Town infrastructure and require infrastructure improvement and/or expansion. The imposition of impact fees, if deemed necessary, would help the Town better afford any new facilities rather than placing the entire financial burden on the Town.

_____YES

_____NO

ARTICLE 6 – Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Revise Article IX – C Administration and Enforcement to incorporate recent rulings by the State of New Hampshire concerning the collection of fines for violations of the Zoning Ordinance and the Town's right to recover attorney's fees pursuant to any legal action. **RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD**

Rationale: The suggested changes reflect updated rulings by the State of New Hampshire and are contained in RSA 676:17.

_____YES

_____NO

ARTICLE 7 – Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Add a new Rural Residential District with minimum five (5) acre lot size for low density residential development in three remote areas of the town having limited physical access; to minimize the difficulty and hazard of supplying municipal services; and to decrease the potential for increased traffic congestion. **RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD**

Rationale: The Town of Grantham's recently approved Master Plan recommended the formation of larger lot sizes in the more remote areas of Town to minimize the problems cited above and to help preserve to a degree the rural visual environment.

_____YES

_____NO

ARTICLE 8 – Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Update Article III – I Shoreland/River Overlay District to reflect the most current version of "The Shoreland Protection Act RSA 483-B" including its addendum "Shoreland Protection Administrative Rules". This document shall be applied for any determinations to be made within this overlay district. **RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD**

Rationale: The Department of Environmental Services (DES) requires using the updated version of the Shoreland Protection Act for any applications within the Shoreland/River Overlay District.

_____YES

_____NO

ARTICLE 9 – Building Code Revisions

Are you in favor of allowing the Planning Board to make required revisions to the Building Code as adopted by the Grantham Town Meeting on March 13, 1990.

RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

_____YES

_____NO

ARTICLE 10 – Veterans’ Exemption – By Petition

To see if the Town will vote to raise the Veteran’s Tax exemption from the standard veteran’s tax credit of \$50.00 to the optional veteran’s tax credit of \$500.00 as allowed by RSA 72:28 Standard and Optional Veteran’s Tax Credit, Title V, Taxation, Chapter 72, Persons and Property Liable to Taxation, Property Taxes. *Due to two of the Selectmen benefiting from the passage of this article there is no recommendation. The third Selectman is in support of this article.* This article has an **estimated tax impact of 12 cents** (this equates to an appropriation of approximately \$71,500).

ARTICLE 11 – Activities Director – By Petition – Special Warrant Article

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000) to establish a paid part-time Activities Director. This individual through standard annual events, as well as implementing random activities, is responsible for providing a sense of community for the people of Grantham. It is a year round part-time position. *The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (3/0).* This article has an **estimated tax impact of 3 cents**.

ARTICLE 12 – General Government

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$744,206** to defray the cost of **General Government** operations. **RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Account Title	Budget 2005/06	Proposed 2006/07
Selectmen’s Office	125,716	121,513
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	84,705	87,654
Supervisors of the Checklist	0	2,000
Financial Administration	50,296	71,440
Tax Maps/Assessing	65,500	40,000
Legal	10,000	20,000
Personnel Administration	211,614	262,975
Planning Board	6,020	8,650
Zoning Board of Adjustment	4,240	3,340
General Government Buildings	78,850	79,550
Cemeteries	11,800	13,700
Insurance	21,000	31,000
Regional Associations	2,276	2,384
TOTAL	672,017	744,206

ARTICLE 13 – Public Safety

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of **\$459,388** to defray the cost of **Public Safety** operations. **RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Account Title	Budget 2005/06	Proposed 2006/07
Police Department	297,925	307,683
FAST Squad	48,135	54,630
Fire Department	67,270	82,650
Forest Fire	375	375
Building Inspection	10,250	5,250
Emergency Management	0	8,800
TOTAL	423,955	459,388

ARTICLE 14 – Public Works

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$544,264** to defray the cost of **Public Works** operation. **RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Account Title	Budget 2005/06	Proposed 2006/07
Highway Administration	138,510	145,264
Highway Maintenance	105,800	97,500
Street Lights	2,400	2,400
Solid Waste Collection	113,900	116,100
Waste Disposal	179,600	175,000
Landfill Monitoring	8,000	8,000
TOTAL	548,210	544,264

ARTICLE 15 – Health and Welfare

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$21,119** to defray the cost of **Health and Welfare** operations. **RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Account Title	Budget 2005/06	Proposed 2006/07
Boarding Animals	300	300
Community Services	10,406	10,819
Town General Assistance	10,000	10,000
TOTAL	20,706	21,119

ARTICLE 16 – Culture and Recreation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$165,471** for **Culture and Recreation**. **RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Account Title	Budget 2005/06	Proposed 2006/07
Recreation	24,900	18,610
Dunbar Free Library	107,629	141,361
Old Home Day	2,000	5,000
Archives	500	500
TOTAL	135,029	165,471

ARTICLE 17 – Conservation, Bond Notes, Interest and Tax Anticipation Notes

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$196,163** for **Conservation, Bond Notes, Interest and Tax Anticipation Notes**. **RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Account Title	Budget 2005/06	Proposed 2006/07
Conservation Commission	800	1,100
Bond Payment	134,000	135,000
Bond Interest	65,110	59,963
Tax Anticipation Notes Interest	100	100
TOTAL	200,010	196,163

ARTICLE 18 – Capital Reserve Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$131,500** to be placed in previously established **Capital Reserve Funds**. **RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Account Title	Budget 2005/06	Proposed 2006/07
Fire Department Capital Reserve	50,000	75,000
Ball Field Capital Reserve	5,000	5,000
Highway Equip Capital Reserve	30,000	30,000
Computers Capital Reserve	1,500	1,500
Transfer Station Capital Reserve	10,000	10,000
Police Vehicle Capital Reserve	10,000	10,000
TOTAL	106,500	131,500

ARTICLE 19 – Highway Department One-Ton Truck

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,000 to purchase a new Highway One-Ton Truck and authorize the withdrawal of \$42,000 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. **RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

ARTICLE 20 – Elderly Exemption

Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Grantham, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$30,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$40,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$50,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 6 years, own the real estate individually, or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$22,000, or if married, a combined net income of less than \$31,000; and own assets not in excess of \$65,000 excluding the value of person's residence. **RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN** This article has an estimated tax impact of 1 cent.

ARTICLE 21 – Disposition of Current Use Penalty

To see if the Town will vote to increase the Disposition of Current Use Penalty Assessment (RSA 79-A:25) to place 100% of the revenues of all future payments collected pursuant to RSA 79-A:25 II in the Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 III. The revenue transfer shall be at the time of collection. **RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

ARTICLE 22 – Interest Earned on Bond Proceeds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,000 for the purpose of Miscellaneous Building Expenses to include additional election booths and authorize the use in that amount of June 30 fund balance for this purpose. (This amount will represent the interest earned on bond proceeds which was transferred to the general fund on or before June 30.) **RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

ARTICLE 23 – Sugarwood Lane

To see if the Town will vote to accept Sugarwood Lane as a Class V road, such acceptance to be final upon the completion of necessary action of the Board of Selectmen once it has received approval of the as-built drawings, drainage easements from all property owners and the Selectmen are satisfied that the road has been brought up to standards set by the Board for Sugarwood Lane. **RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

ARTICLE 24 – Discontinue Radio Console Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Radio Console Capital Reserve Fund created in 1998. The remaining funds in the amount of \$500.00 plus accumulated interest to date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the town's general fund. **RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

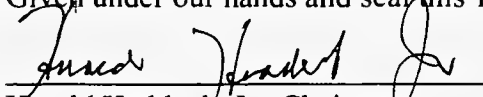
ARTICLE 25 – Capital Improvement Plan Committee

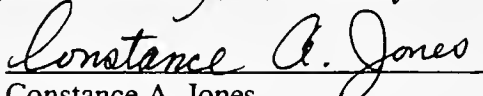
To see if the town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to establish a Capital Improvement Plan Committee, to study and report back to the town on the feasibility of establishing a Municipal Capital Improvement Plan, projected over a period of at least 10 years, in accordance with RSA 674:5. **RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

ARTICLE 26 – End of Meeting

To hear the reports of agents, officers, and committees heretofore chosen, to pass any vote relating thereto, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 13th day of February, 2006.

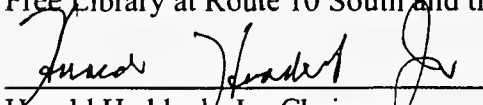

Harold Haddock, Jr., Chairman

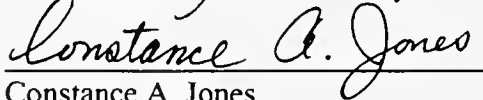

Constance A. Jones


William E. Hutchins

Board of Selectmen

We certify that on the 13th day of February, 2006, we cause a true copy of the within warrant to be posted at the Grantham Town Office on 34 Dunbar Hill Road, the Dunbar Free Library at Route 10 South and the Grantham Post Office at Willis Avenue.


Harold Haddock, Jr., Chairman


Constance A. Jones


William E. Hutchins

Board of Selectmen

BUDGET OF THE TOWN/CITY

OF: GRANTHAM

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, _____ to December 31, _____

or Fiscal Year From July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007**IMPORTANT:**

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below.

This form was posted with the warrant on (Date): February 14, 2006**GOVERNING BODY (SELECTMEN)***Please sign in ink.*

Harold Haddock Jr.
Constance A. Jones
William E. Hutchins

Harold Haddock Jr.Constance A. JonesWilliam E. Hutchins**THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT**

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MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
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MS-6

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MS-6 Budget - Town/City of Grantham FY 06/07

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures (2/1/06)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive	12	130716	90098	121513	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	12	84705	53126	89654	
4150-4151	Financial Administration	12	50296	33612	71440	
4152	Revaluation of Property	12	65500	32025	40000	
4153	Legal Expense	12	10000	5477	20000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	12	211614	129490	262975	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	12	10260	4692	11990	
4194	General Government Buildings	12	78850	63800	79550	
4195	Cemeteries	12	11800	5189	13700	
4196	Insurance	12	21000	14048	31000	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	12	2276	2276	2384	
4199	Other General Government		0	0	0	
PUBLIC SAFETY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police	13	297925	185461	307683	
4215-4219	Ambulance	13	48135	35588	54630	
4220-4229	Fire	13	67645	28092	83025	
4240-4249	Building Inspection	13	10250	1538	5250	
4290-4298	Emergency Management	13	0	0	8800	
4299	Other (incl. Communications)		0	0	0	
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4301-4309	Airport Operations		0	0	0	
HIGHWAYS & STREETS			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration	14	138510	82578	145264	
4312	Highways & Streets	14	105800	20006	97500	
4313	Bridges		0	0	0	
4316	Street Lighting	14	2400	1310	2400	
4319	Other		0	0	0	
SANITATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration		0	0	0	
4323	Solid Waste Collection	14	113900	81377	116100	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	14	179600	75354	175000	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up	14	8000	3749	8000	
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other		0	0	0	

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WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4331	Administration		0	0	0	
4332	Water Services		0	0	0	
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other		0	0	0	
ELECTRIC			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation		0	0	0	
4353	Purchase Costs		0	0	0	
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		0	0	0	
4359	Other Electric Costs		0	0	0	
HEALTH			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration		0	0	0	
4414	Pest Control	15	300	0	300	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	15	10406	10406	10819	
WELFARE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.	15	10000	4931	10000	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts		0	0	0	
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		0	0	0	
CULTURE & RECREATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	11,16	24900	12062	18610	
4550-4559	Library	16	107629	78799	141361	
4583	Patriotic Purposes	16	2000	0	5000	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation	16	500	139	500	
CONSERVATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources	17	800	299	1100	
4619	Other Conservation		0	0	0	
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING		0	0	0	
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		0	0	0	
DEBT SERVICE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes	17	134000	134000	135000	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	17	65110	63710	59963	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	17	100	0	100	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		0	0	0	

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CAPITAL OUTLAY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4901	Land		0	0	0	
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		64400	42632	0	
4903	Buildings		0	0	0	
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.		35000	509	0	
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		0	0	0	
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		100000	0	0	
4914	To Enterprise Fund		0	0	0	
	Sewer-		0	0	0	
	Water-		0	0	0	
	Electric-		0	0	0	
	Airport-		0	0	0	
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		106500	106500	131500	
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917		0	0	0	
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds		0	0	0	
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds		0	0	0	
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		0	0	0	
SUBTOTAL 1			2310827	1402873	2262111	

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount	Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount

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Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3, VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
4520	Activities Director	11	0	0	16000	
SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	16000	XXXXXXXXXX

****INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". Individual warrant articles might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
4902	Highway Dept One-Ton Truck	19	0	0	42000	
SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	42000	XXXXXXXXXX

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Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues (2/1/06)	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
TAXES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund		10000	29454	0
3180	Resident Taxes		0	0	0
3185	Timber Taxes		1500	2022	5000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		18000	18000	18000
3189	Other Taxes		0	0	0
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		7500	18243	15000
	Inventory Penalties		0	0	0
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		50	0	0
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		0	0	0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		600000	285028	535000
3230	Building Permits		15000	12429	20000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		9000	9364	10025
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		0	5624	0
FROM STATE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		5423	10843	10843
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		76862	86513	86513
3353	Highway Block Grant		48775	40492	51555
3354	Water Pollution Grant		0	0	0
3355	Housing & Community Development		0	0	0
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		0	0	0
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		0	0	0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		15000	30558	20000
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		0	0	0
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		65000	24936	40000
3409	Other Charges		0	0	
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		5000	0	5000
3502	Interest on Investments		35000	57837	50000
3503-3509	Other: Health Insurance Reimb.		20000	5845	10000

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Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues (2/1/06)	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		0	0	0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		0	0	0
3914	From Enterprise Funds		0	0	0
	Sewer - (Offset)		0	0	0
	Water - (Offset)		0	0	0
	Electric - (Offset)		0	0	0
	Airport - (Offset)		0	0	0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		48500	45000	45000
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds		0	0	0
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds		0	0	0
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes		0	0	0
	Amount VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")		0	0	0
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes		200000	0	100000
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			1180610	682188	1021936

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from page 4)	2310827	2262111
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	0	16000
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	231400	42000
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	2542227	2320111
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	1180610	1021936
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	1361617	1298175

2005 SUMMARY OF VALUATION – MS1

VALUE OF LAND ONLY	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>VALUATION</u>
Current Use (at Current Use Values)	8,102	\$ 951,944
Residential	6,879	142,183,879
Commercial/Industrial	292	3,748,900
Total of Taxable Land	15,274	\$146,885,323
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable	1,234	(7,024,662)
VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY		
Residential		\$382,355,500
Manufactured Housing		616,300
Commercial/Industrial		6,553,700
Discretionary Preservation Easement		12,100
Total of Taxable Buildings		\$389,537,600
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable		(5,980,600)
Public Utilities		\$ 1,902,474
VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS		\$538,325,397
Elderly Exemption		\$ 145,000
1 @ \$20,000		
5 @ \$25,000		
Disabled Exemption (1)		\$ 324,200
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions		\$ 469,200
NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY & LOCAL EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED		\$ 537,856,197
<i>Less Public Utilities</i>		<i>1,902,474</i>
<i>PSNH - \$1,535,808</i>		
<i>Eastman Sewer Company - \$366,666</i>		
NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES ON WHICH TAX RATE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED		\$ 535,953,723

TOWN OF GRANTHAM NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN MEETING

MARCH 8, 2005

SS. STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SULLIVAN COUNTY

Moderator Merle Schotanus called to order the 229th Annual Grantham Town Meeting at 10:10 a.m. The Moderator welcomed Pastor Ron Bruce to offer the invocation. As a tribute to the several members of the "Greatest Generation" in our town, the Moderator asked Dick Mansfield, a WWII veteran, to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moderator Schotanus stated that this year's Town Meeting is a historic one since it is the last meeting in the school gym and it is also the 25th anniversary of meetings in this building. The first meeting was held in 1980.

This year's Town Report is dedicated to Grantham residents, present and past. The Moderator recognized Selectman William Hutchins for remarks regarding this dedication. Selectman Hutchins commented that this report is dedicated to the many volunteers who have served this town over the years. He said the three people that he wanted to mention, who are no longer with us, Wilfred Hastings and Mike Reney, who served in many capacities, and Captain Jerry Whitney of the Grantham Police Department, who was a great asset to our town. We currently have 15 standing committees in the Town of Grantham, consisting mostly of volunteers. To these people we dedicate this Town Report.

Moderator Schotanus stated that the meeting having been properly warranted as it is certified on page 18 of the Town Report and by the authority invested in him by the laws of the State of New Hampshire declared the 229th Annual Town Meeting officially open for business. The polls are officially open and will remain open until 7 p.m. for ballot voting for articles 1 through 11 on the Town Warrant.

At this time Moderator Schotanus introduced the members of the Planning Board and Zoning Board: Conrad Frey, Kristina Burgard, Dick Mansfield, Myron Cummings and Charles McCarthy. He directed the audience to ask questions concerning the 11 zoning amendments on the ballot to these members.

Moderator Schotanus recognized Carl Hanson, School District Moderator, to make any announcements about the upcoming School District meeting. He stated that the business part of the School District meeting would be held on March 10, 2005, at 7 p.m.

Moderator Schotanus then introduced the Town Officers in attendance: Cynthia Towle, Deputy Town Clerk; Tina Stearns, Town Administrator; Connie Jones, Selectman; Harold Haddock, Selectman; and Bill Hutchins, Selectman. He then introduced Victoria Smith, Assistant Town Moderator; Chief Russell Lary, running the video camera; Supervisors of the Checklist Deborah Cheever, Donna Stamper and Sandra Noordsy. In the absence of School Clerk Don Gobin, Piper Scalabrin is Clerk Pro Temp for the School Board.

The Assistant Town Moderator, Victoria Smith, was inadvertently omitted from the list of Town Officers in this year's Town Report. Andy Anderson's term as Cemetery Trustee actually expires in 2005 rather than 2004.

The moderator directed attention to the 2005 Town Meeting Rules in the Town Report. Seeing that there were no questions concerning the rules, it was moved by Steve Pritchard and seconded by Robert Koester that the rules be adopted as printed. The Town Clerk was directed to make them part of the current record.

Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote

2005 TOWN MEETING RULES

1. Nonvoters who are not officers of the town may be allowed to address the meeting only if the town votes to permit it.
2. All voters will direct their remarks to the moderator. Whenever a voter wishes to speak, he or she will address the moderator and identify him or herself.
3. Unless superseded by state law, reconsideration of a vote on any article should be brought up immediately after the vote has been declared. A vote on the issuance of bonds or notes over \$100,000 cannot be reconsidered at the same meeting. The town may also vote to restrict reconsideration of any other vote in the same manner.
4. The moderator will conduct a secret "yes-no" ballot vote when five voters make a written request prior to a voice or show of hands vote on any article open for discussion.
5. Any ruling by the moderator can be challenged. The moderator will conduct a secret "yes-no" ballot when seven or more voters question any nonballot vote immediately after the vote is declared, and before any other business is conducted.
6. All proposed amendments to articles will be submitted in writing to the moderator prior to discussion of the amendment.

Moderator Schotanus informed the audience that Articles 1 through 11 will be acted on by Official Ballot, and Articles 12 through 27 are open for discussion and debate. The zoning amendments are not open to discussion by state law, RSA 675:3. There were two public hearings for these amendments: January 6, 2005, and January 20, 2005.

ARTICLE 1: To choose by ballot and major vote for the ensuing years as enumerated:

William E. Hutchins	Selectman	3 years
Christopher E. Morris	Treasurer	3 years
Charles J. McCarthy	Planning Board	3 years
Stephen L. Handley	Trustee of Trust Funds	3 years
Donna Stamper	Library Trustee	3 years
G. Warren Kimball	Cemetery Trustee	3 years
A. W. Anderson	Cemetery Trustee	2 years

ARTICLE 2: Are you in favor of amending paragraph two in Rural Residential District II of the Town Zoning Ordinance to exclude Map 216 Lot 10 as this lot is not, nor ever has been, part of the Olde Farms subdivision.

By Petition

Special Warrant Article

Recommended by the Planning Board

YES 136 NO 47
PASSED BY OFFICIAL BALLOT

ARTICLE 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinances as follows: The New Hampshire Supreme Court has mandated that the following portion of the hardship criteria shall apply for a variance specifically based on a deviation in dimensional requirements:

1. An area variance is needed to enable the applicant's proposed use of the property given the special conditions of the property.
2. The benefit sought by the applicant cannot be achieved by some other method reasonably feasible for the applicant to pursue, other than an area variance.

Rationale: The above hardship criteria would only be for variance requests based on a change of DIMENSIONS. The hardship criteria presently shown in Article VII, Section H 3 c (page 26) would remain in effect for variance requests based on USE. All other criteria not pertaining to hardship would remain in effect for either a DIMENSION or a USE variance request.

Recommended by the Planning Board

YES 149 NO 34
PASSED BY OFFICIAL BALLOT

ARTICLE 4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinances as follows: Add the following underlined words to the last sentence after: "This Ordinance is enacted by the voters of the Town of Grantham, New Hampshire, in official town meeting on March 13, 1990, and as may be amended from time to time at subsequent town meetings."

Recommended by the Planning Board

YES 162 NO 28
PASSED BY OFFICIAL BALLOT

ARTICLE 5: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinances as follows: "Churches" is repeated twice as a "Permitted Use" and as a "Permitted Use as a Special Exception" under the Business and Business/Light Industrial Districts. It is recommended that "Churches" appear only once as a "Permitted Use as a Special Exception" similar to the way it is listed in the other zoning districts.

Rationale: Listing "Churches" under two different categories instead of one could cause confusion for a prospective applicant.

Recommended by the Planning Board

YES 170 NO 21
PASSED BY OFFICIAL BALLOT

ARTICLE 6: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinances as follows: Completely reorganize, expand and clarify Article V – Section I – Signs by specifying more clearly the sizes for free standing and building mounted signs; defining the size and duration for temporary signs; outlining more clearly the types of signs permitted; and recognizing the grandfathered rights of existing, lawfully placed signs. The proposed revised ordinance also requires a site plan review for new signs in the Business and Business/Light Industrial Districts.

Rationale: The new ordinance will clarify the present requirements and incorporate additional useful definitions for those wishing to install signs. The changes are based on the experiences of town departments responsible for reviewing and enforcing the installation of signs.

Recommended by the Planning Board

YES 162 NO 28
PASSED BY OFFICIAL BALLOT

ARTICLE 7: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinances as follows: Completely revise, expand and reorganize the present ordinance now titled “Non-Conforming Uses” to a more comprehensive ordinance entitled “Non-Conforming Lots, Structures and Uses.” This revision would assist applicants as well as the Zoning Board to more clearly review the rights and limits for grandfathered lots, structures and uses.

Rationale: Because of the incompleteness of the current ordinance, the Zoning Board has had to rely on the content of Court cases rather than the ordinance to decide nonconforming use applications. Any possible future changes in the zoning districts would mandate that the rights of those with grandfathered lots, structures and uses be clearly outlined.

Recommended by the Planning Board

YES 140 NO 29
PASSED BY OFFICIAL BALLOT

ARTICLE 8: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinances as follows: Change the presently titled “Conservation District” on page 10 of the Ordinance to “Flood Plain/Conservation Overlay District” and consolidate into this section references to flood plain issues found elsewhere in the Ordinance. Further, the five “Permitted Uses” listed in this section would be changed to “Permitted Use by Special Exception.”

Rationale: The “Conservation District” as written is not in reality a conservation district per se (forestlands, etc.) as it speaks only to flood plain issues. This section should therefore be titled “Flood Plain/Conservation Overlay District” and include the references to FEMA and the flood insurance map on page 4 in the present Ordinance. The “permitted uses” in this district would be changed to “permitted use by special exception” for a review, not currently possible, of any proposed structures and/or activities to insure that safe and healthy practices are followed.

Recommended by the Planning Board

YES 144 NO 27
PASSED BY OFFICIAL BALLOT

ARTICLE 9: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinances as follows: Establish a new “Forest Land and Conservation Districts” to recognize those lands currently under a conservation easement or other form of conservation (Reney Forest, Sherwood Forest, Blue Mountain Forest Association, etc.). These type properties are presently not defined anywhere in the zoning ordinance. The proposed ordinance states that if for any reason any of these or future conservation lands should change in status from their forever wild or conservation status they could only be used for agricultural, forestry or recreational purposes.

Rationale: The proposed ordinance would be a safety valve measure to help preserve the rural and forested nature of the Town.

Recommended by the Planning Board

YES 154 NO 19
PASSED BY OFFICIAL BALLOT

ARTICLE 10: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinances as follows: Change lot coverage in the Rural/Residential II District (4.5 acres) from 20 percent of the acreage to 8 percent.

Rationale: The current lot coverage for a Rural/Residential II would permit a building of nearly 36,000 square feet (0.9 acres) on a 4.5 acre lot. Changing the 20 percent figure to 8 percent with would be much more reasonable.

Recommended by the Planning Board

YES 125 NO 45
PASSED BY OFFICIAL BALLOT

ARTICLE 11: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinances as follows: Change the present minimum setback requirements for Rural/Residential II District (4.5 acre minimum lot size) from 35 to 75 feet for the front setback and from 10 to 40 feet for the side and rear setback.

Rationale: The present setbacks for the Rural/Residential-II (4.5 acres minimum lot size) are the same as for the Rural/Residential-I (1.0 acre minimum lot size). It is common practice for setbacks for a building to be more proportionate to lot size thereby permitting more green space/plant screening.

Recommended by the Planning Board

YES 124 NO 46
PASSED BY OFFICIAL BALLOT

ARTICLE 12: It was moved and seconded “To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five-year lease/purchase agreement for \$132,000 for the purpose of leasing to purchase a new roll-off truck for the Transfer Station, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,400 for the first year’s payment for that purpose.”

*Majority vote required
The Selectmen recommend this article*

The Moderator recognized Selectman Bill Hutchins to speak to the article. Selectman Hutchins stated that the Town needs more flexibility to decrease the costs of transporting refuse from the transfer station. He also said that this is a one-year commitment with an option to lease for five years if we so decide.

Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 13: It was moved and seconded “To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to purchase a new Computer Server for the Selectmen & Tax Collector programs and authorize the withdrawal of \$5,000 from the Office Computers Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose.”

*Majority vote required
The Selectmen recommend this article*

Moderator Schotanus called upon Selectman Jones to speak to this article. Selectman Jones stated that the new server will be for the Selectmen’s office and Tax Collector/Town Clerk. It is of the utmost importance that these offices be able to communicate and share information with each other. The present server will be used by the assessor.

Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 14: It was moved and seconded “To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 for landscaping at the new Grantham Town Building.”

*Majority vote required
The Selectmen recommend this article*

The Moderator recognized Selectman Harold Haddock to speak to this article. He said that one of the items that was not included in the proposal presented last year was landscaping around the building. The requested amount includes the landscape architect contractor, the lighting, the flag pole and the plantings around the property.

The Moderator recognized Lorie McClory for a question on this article. Mrs. McClory asked what the \$35,000 included: Is there going to be a park, playground equipment or ice skating rink? Selectman Haddock asked Bruce St. Peter, member of the building committee and project manager, to answer. Mr. St. Peter stated that the pond would be available for ice skating. The building committee has been working with the men’s woodworking group in Grantham to provide a gazebo and picnic area. This is all part of it. The landscape architect will be working with the Grantham Garden Club as well.

Passed by Majority Voice Vote

ARTICLE 15: It was moved and seconded “To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the engineering and construction of an emergency access bridge to the Grantham Village School site. This will be a nonlapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the bridge is completed or by June 30, 2008, whichever is sooner.

*Majority vote required
The Selectmen recommend this article*

The Moderator recognized Selectman Bill Hutchins to address this article. Selectman Hutchins stated that the problem has existed for at least five years. We need an egress in the school area. We hope that this figure will be modified with some of our own public works people.

Moderator Schotanus recognized Phil Schaefer for a question. Mr. Schaefer asked the Selectboard to elaborate as to what kind of a bridge is being planned. Selectman Hutchins said that the bridge has to have vehicle egress but it will not be open for general traffic. The type of bridge is unknown at the moment.

Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 16: It was moved and seconded “To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to purchase Fire Department repeater equipment.”

*Majority vote required
The Selectmen recommend this article*

Moderator Schotanus recognized Selectman Harold Haddock to speak to this article. Selectman Haddock stated that this equipment has been requested by the Fire Department this year to greatly improve the ability to communicate with Hanover and each other when on an emergency call. Due to the topography of our town it is sometimes very difficult to get the radio signal the Fire Department uses to call in their men and give other instructions.

Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 17: It was moved and seconded “To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to purchase Police Department radio console and accessories and to authorize the withdrawal of \$40,000 from the Radio Console Capital Reserve Account set up for that purpose. The balance of \$10,000 to come from taxation.”

*Majority vote required
The Selectmen recommend this article*

The Moderator recognized Selectman Connie Jones to comment on this article. Selectman Jones said that this is what the Capital Reserve Fund was set up for and now we are asking to spend it. The radio system has not been updated in years and this new system will bring us up to date with the state in our communications with all the agencies.

Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 18: It was moved and seconded "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$672,017 to defray the cost of General Government operations."

<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Budget 2004/2005</u>	<u>Proposed 2005/2006</u>
Selectmen's Office	95,575	125,716
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	75,603	84,705
Financial Administration	49,200	50,296
Tax Maps/Assessing	115,000	65,500
Legal	8,000	10,000
Personnel Administration	198,120	211,614
Planning Board	6,075	6,020
Zoning Board of Adjustment	2,260	4,240
General Government Buildings	45,400	78,850
Cemeteries	12,000	11,800
Insurance	16,800	21,000
Regional Associations	2,080	2,276
TOTAL	626,113	672,017

*Majority vote required
The Selectmen recommend this article*

Moderator Schotanus recognized Selectman Haddock to address this article. He stated that there were a number of one-time changes that affected the cost of General Government operations this year. There is a significant increase in the Selectmen's Office due to articles of furnishings for the new office. The increase in the General Government Buildings line includes the security system in the new Municipal Building plus estimated increased heating and cooling expenses. There is a \$50,000 decrease in Tax Maps/Assessing due to only one-third of the assessor's bill left to pay in the upcoming fiscal year.

The Moderator recognized Lorie McClory for a question on article 18. Mrs. McClory asked why the money for furnishings was coming from the Selectmen's Office and not from the General Government Building line. How much money, throughout the whole budget, will be needed to furnish the new building? Selectman Haddock said about \$20,000 in total.

Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote



The Wragg Bros. Well Drilling bit water 500 feet down. The new well produces 10 gallons a minute.

ARTICLE 19: It was moved and seconded “To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$423,955 to defray the cost of **Public Safety** operations.”

<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Budget 2004/2005</u>	<u>Proposed 2005/2006</u>
Police Department	286,990	297,925
F.A.S.T. Squad.....	49,624	48,135
Fire Department.....	67,850	67,270
Forest Fire.....	375	375
Building Inspection	10,000	10,250
TOTAL	414,839	423,955

*Majority vote required
The Selectmen recommend this article*

The Moderator recognized Selectman Hutchins to speak to this article. Selectman Hutchins thanked all the heads of these departments for level funding. The increase in the Police Department is due to the increase in full-time officers.

Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 20: It was moved and seconded “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$548,210 to defray the cost of **Public Works** operation.”

<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Budget 2004/2005</u>	<u>Proposed 2005/2006</u>
Highway Administration	133,590	138,510
Highway Maintenance	74,300	105,800
Street Lights.....	2,400	2,400
Solid Waste Collection	86,600	113,900
Waste Disposal.....	137,800	179,600
Landfill Monitoring	8,000	8,000
TOTAL	442,690	548,210

*Majority vote required
The Selectmen recommend this article*

Moderator Schotanus stated that he was in receipt of a proposed amendment to article 20 from Town Administrator Tina Stearns. The amendment, “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$508,210 to defray the cost of **Public Works** operation.” Solid Waste Collection, \$73,900. Discussion on the proposed amendment was moved by Myron Cummings and seconded by Arthur Magowan. This would reduce the bottom line of this article by \$40,000. The Moderator recognized Tina Stearns, Town Administrator, to explain the amendment. Mrs. Stearns stated that the reduction was due to the approval of the roll off truck in article 12. With the truck and our own man, we won’t need the hauler.

Amendment Adopted by Unanimous Voice Vote

As amended, article 20 now reads: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$508,210 to defray the cost of **Public Works** operation." The Solid Waste Collection line would be \$73,900.

Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 21: It was moved and seconded "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,706 to defray the cost of **Health and Welfare** operations."

<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Budget 2004/2005</u>	<u>Proposed 2005/2006</u>
Boarding Animals	300	300
Community Services	10,246	10,406
Town General Assistance	5,000	10,000
TOTAL	15,546	20,706

*Majority vote required
The Selectmen recommend this article*

Moderator Schoranus asked Selectman Connie Jones to speak to this article. Selectman Jones said the Community Service line increased because the Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association went up \$160 and the Kearsarge Area Council on Aging went up \$200. The Town General Assistance has doubled. We have already gone over budget for this year so raising the amount is necessary for the upcoming year.

Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 22: It was moved and seconded "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$135,029 for **Culture and Recreation**."

<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Budget 2004/2005</u>	<u>Proposed 2005/2006</u>
Recreation.....	21,000	24,900
Dunbar Free Library	98,604	107,629
Town Archives.....	500	500
Old Home Day	2,000	2,000
TOTAL	107,104	135,029

*Majority vote required
The Selectmen recommend this article*

Selectman Connie Jones was recognized by the Moderator to speak to this article. The Recreation budget has increased due to registration fees, uniforms and equipment expenses. The Moderator recognized Hope Miller, Library Trustee, to speak about the proposed Dunbar Free Library budget. Ms. Miller stated that there were several things that increased the budget amount. The addition of part-time staff to help during the busy time, cleaning and custodial costs, and the normal cost of living increases for the staff contributed to the increase.

The Moderator recognized Phil Schaefer for a question on this article. Mr. Schaefer asked about the total of the numbers for the 2004/2005 budget noted in the Town Report because they did not add up to the reported total. The amount should be \$122,104 instead of \$107,104.

Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 23: It was moved and seconded "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,010 for Conservation, Bond Notes, Interest and Tax Anticipation Notes."

<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Budget 2004/2005</u>	<u>Proposed 2005/2006</u>
Conservation Commission	800	800
Bond Payment.....	70,000	134,000
Bond Interest	43,050	65,110
Tax Anticipation Notes Interest	100	100
TOTAL	113,950	200,010

*Majority vote required
The Selectmen recommend this article*

The Moderator called upon Selectman Harold Haddock to speak to this article. Selectman Haddock said that the significant increase in this article is due to the payment of principal and interest, which will be due next year for the Town Office building and the bonding. During the current year we were only making principal and interest payments on the Transfer Station closing, which will continue until 2008.

Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 24: It was moved and seconded "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$106,500 to be placed in previously established Capital Reserve Funds."

<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Budget 2004/2005</u>	<u>Proposed 2005/2006</u>
Fire Department Capital Reserve	0	50,000
Ball Field Capital Reserve	25,000	5,000
Mowers Capital Reserve	1,500	0
Highway Dept. Equipment Cap Reserve.....	30,000	30,000
Office Computers Capital Reserve.....	1,500	1,500
Transfer Station Equipment	10,000	10,000
Police Vehicles Capital Reserve	0	10,000
Radio Console/Accessories.....	7,000	0
TOTAL	75,000	106,500

*Majority vote required
The Selectmen recommend this article*

The Moderator recognized Selectman Harold Haddock to speak to this article. Selectman Haddock explained the increase in the Fire Department Capital Reserve line. The Fire Department did a thorough study of their equipment and assigned useful lives to each item. The amount asked for in the 2005/2006 budget will provide orderly increases in the reserves for equipment that will be needed in the future.

Passed by Majority Voice Vote

ARTICLE 25: It was moved and seconded "To enable the Board of Selectmen to make the decision as to the Town's future participation in the New Hampshire/Vermont Solid Waste Project and to allow the Selectmen to encourage discussions with other municipalities as to the long-term disposal of municipal solid waste."

*Majority vote required
The Selectmen recommend this article*

The Moderator recognized Selectman Harold Haddock and he told the audience that the current Solid Waste Project expires in 2007. We have to start to prepare how we will dispose of solid waste at that time. The Moderator called upon Arthur Magowan and he said that the article allows the Selectmen the opportunity to renegotiate the contract.

Passed by Majority Voice Vote

ARTICLE 26: It was moved and seconded "To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Municipal Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 1999. The remaining funds in the amount of \$3,500 plus accumulated interest to date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the town's general fund."

*Majority vote required
The Selectmen recommend this article*

Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 27: It was moved and seconded "To hear the reports of agents, officers, and committees heretofore chosen, to pass any vote relating thereto, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting."

Moderator Schotanus recognized Rosie Bard to speak. Ms. Bard referred to the dedication made at the beginning of this Town Meeting. She asked that Fire Department members Kenneth Barton, Douglas Fountain and Teresa Bagley be remembered.

The Moderator officially appointed Cynthia Towle and Warren Kimball as Hog Reeves with Amy Palermo as assistant Hog Reeve. Fence Viewers this year are Russell and Christine Lary. Congratulations to all.

There being no further business or reports, Moderator Schotanus declared the 229th Town Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

A True Copy Attest:



*Rita Eigenbrode, Town Clerk
March 31, 2005*

MS-2

REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS ACTUALLY VOTED

(RSA 21-J:34)

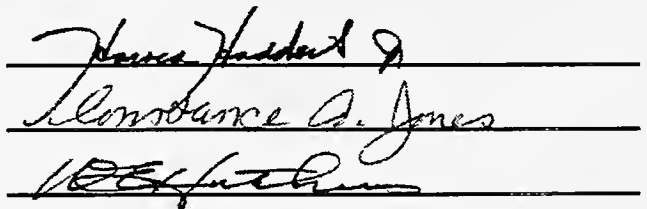
Date of Meeting: March 8, 2005Town/City Of: Grantham County: SullivanMailing Address: PO Box 276Grantham NH 03753-0276Phone #: 603-863-6021 Fax #: 603-863-4499 E-Mail: admin@granthamnh.net

Certificate of Appropriations

(To be Completed After Annual or Special Meeting)

This is to certify that the information contained in this form, appropriations actually voted by the town/city meeting, was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Governing Body (Selectmen)

*Please sign in ink.*Date: March 23, 2005Harold Haddock, Jr.Constance A. JonesWilliam E. Hutchins

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COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION
MUNICIPAL FINANCE BUREAU
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
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PENALTY: Failure to file within 20 days after each meeting at which appropriations were voted may result in a \$5.00 per day penalty (RSA 21-J:36).

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Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	WARR. ART.#	Appropriations As Voted	For Use By Department of Revenue Administration
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive	18	125,716	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	18	84,705	
4150-4151	Financial Administration	18	50,296	
4152	Revaluation of Property	18	65,500	
4153	Legal Expense	18	10,000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	18	211,614	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	18	10,260	
4194	General Government Buildings	18	78,850	
4195	Cemeteries	18	11,800	
4196	Insurance	18	21,000	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	18	2,276	
4199	Other General Government			
PUBLIC SAFETY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police	19	297,925	
4215-4219	Ambulance	19	48,135	
4220-4229	Fire	19	67,645	
4240-4249	Building Inspection	19	10,250	
4290-4298	Emergency Management			
4299	Other (Including Communications)			
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4301-4309	Airport Operations			
HIGHWAYS & STREETS			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration	20	138,510	
4312	Highways & Streets	20	105,800	
4313	Bridges			
4316	Street Lighting	20	2,400	
4319	Other			
SANITATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration			
4323	Solid Waste Collection	20	73,900	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	20	179,600	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up	20	8,000	
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other			
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4331	Administration			
4332	Water Services			
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other			
ELECTRIC			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4351-4359	Electrical Operations			

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Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	WARR. ART.#	Appropriations As Voted	For Use By Department of Revenue Administration
HEALTH			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration			
4414	Pest Control	21	300	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	21	10,406	
WELFARE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.	21	10,000	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts			
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other			
CULTURE & RECREATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	22	24,900	
4550-4559	Library	22	107,629	
4583	Patriotic Purposes	22	2,000	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation	22	500	
CONSERVATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources	23	800	
4619	Other Conservation			
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMNT & HOUSING			
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT			
DEBT SERVICE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes	23	134,000	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	23	65,110	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Note	23	100	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service			
CAPITAL OUTLAY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4901	Land			
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	12,13,16,17	96,400	
4903	Buildings			
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs	14	35,000	
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund	15	100,000	
4913	To Capital Projects Fund			
4914	To Enterprise Fund			
	Sewer-			
	Water-			
	Electric-			
	Airport-			
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	24	106,500	
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917			
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds			
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds			
4919	To Agency Funds			
TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS			2,297,827	

2005 TAX RATE CALCULATION

Gross Appropriations	\$2,297,827		
Less: Revenues	1,149,301		
Less: Shared Revenues	3,670		
Add: Overlay	38,102		
War Service Credits	10,500		
		TOWN RATE	
			2.23
Net Town Appropriation	\$1,193,458		
Special Adjustment	0		
Approved Town/City Tax Effort		\$1,193,458	
SCHOOL PORTION			
Net Local School Budget	4,491,089		
Regional School Apportionment	0		
Less: Adequate Education Grant	0		
State Education Taxes	(1,191,747)		
		LOCAL SCHOOL RATE	
			6.13
LOCAL			
Approved School(s) Tax Effort		\$3,299,342	
STATE EDUCATION TAXES			
Equalized Valuation (no utilities)	\$2.84		
419,629,390		1,191,747	
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)			
255,920,638			
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State			
Pay to State	0		
		STATE SCHOOL RATE	
			2.22
COUNTY PORTION			
Due to County	1,197,538		
Less: Shared Revenues	(1,750)		
Approved County Tax Effort		1,195,788	
		COUNTY RATE	
			2.22
Total Property Taxes Assessed		6,880,335	
Less: War Service Credits		(10,500)	
Add: Village District Commitment(s)		486,793	
Total Property Tax Commitment		\$7,356,628	
		TOTAL RATE	
			12.80
PROOF OF RATE			
Net Assessed Valuation		Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	535,953,723	2.22	\$1,191,747
All Other Taxes	537,856,197	10.58	\$5,688,588
			<u>\$6,880,335</u>

TAX RATE FIVE-YEAR REVIEW

GRANTHAM	Town	County	School	TOTAL	<i>Village District</i>	<i>TOTAL EASTMAN</i>
2001	3.40	5.20	13.09	21.69	1.17	22.86
2002	2.84	4.58	13.58	21.00	1.32	22.32
2003	2.95	4.62	16.03	23.60	1.51	25.11
2004	3.34	4.39	14.51	22.24	1.82	24.06
2005	2.23	2.22	8.35	12.80	1.26	14.06

NEIGHBORING TOWNS

2005 Rate	Town	County	School	TOTAL
CROYDON	0.55	2.23	9.02	11.80
SPRINGFIELD	2.25	2.01	8.15	12.41
SUNAPEE	2.49	2.15	7.02	11.66

TOWN VALUATION

GRANTHAM	537,856,197
CROYDON	73,528,200
SPRINGFIELD	197,641,516
SUNAPEE	1,027,619,925

DEPARTMENT BUDGET ~ THREE YEAR COMPARISON

Department	2004	2005	2006
4130 Town Offices	95,575	125,716	121,513
4140 Town Clerk/Tax Collector	75,603	84,705	87,654
4140-2 Supervisors of Checklist	0	0	2,000
4150 Financial Admin	49,200	50,296	71,440
4152 Assessing/Tax Maps	115,000	65,500	40,000
4153 Legal	8,000	10,000	20,000
4155 Employee Benefits	198,120	211,614	262,975
4191 Planning	6,075	6,020	8,650
4192 Zoning	2,260	4,240	3,340
4194 Town Buildings	45,400	78,850	79,550
4195 Cemeteries	12,000	9,800	13,700
4196 Property Insurance	16,800	21,000	31,000
4197 Regional Assoc	2,080	2,276	2,384
4210 Police	286,990	297,925	307,683
4215 FAST Squad	49,624	48,135	54,630
4220 Fire	68,225	67,645	83,025
4311 & 4312 Highway	210,290	246,710	245,164
4323 & 4324 Solid Waste	224,400	293,500	291,100
4325 Landfill Monitoring	8,000	8,000	8,000
4414 Animal Control	300	300	300
4415 Community Social Services	10,246	10,406	10,819
4442 General Assistance (Welfare)	5,000	10,000	10,000
4520 Recreation	21,000	24,900	18,610
4550 Dunbar Free Library	98,604	107,629	141,361
4583 Old Home Day	2,000	2,000	5,000
4589 Archives	500	500	500
4611 Conservation	800	800	1,100

BALANCE SHEET

EXHIBIT A-1
TOWN OF GRANTHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2005

	General	Expendable Trust	Town Building	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,080,069	\$ 151	\$	\$ 68,161	\$ 3,148,381
Investments	787,205	850,376	189,660	142,496	1,969,737
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectible:					
Taxes	995,482				995,482
Accounts	554				554
Intergovernmental	6,300				6,300
Interfund receivable	1,423		415,827	9,038	426,288
Tax deeded property subject to resale	15,572				15,572
Total assets	<u>\$ 4,886,605</u>	<u>\$ 850,527</u>	<u>\$ 605,487</u>	<u>\$ 219,695</u>	<u>\$ 6,562,314</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$ 48,294	\$	\$ 2,449	\$ 1,641	\$ 52,384
Contracts payable			175,646		175,646
Intergovernmental payable	805	620,071			620,876
Retainage payable			26,255		26,255
Interfund payable	424,865			1,423	426,288
Deferred tax revenue	3,154,166				3,154,166
Total liabilities	<u>3,628,130</u>	<u>620,071</u>	<u>204,350</u>	<u>3,064</u>	<u>4,455,615</u>
Fund balances:					
Reserved for encumbrances			353,300		353,300
Reserved for special purposes	114,199	230,456	47,837	104,053	496,545
Reserved for tax deeded property	15,572				15,572
Unreserved, reported in:					
General fund	1,128,704				1,128,704
Special revenue funds				112,578	112,578
Total fund balances	<u>1,258,475</u>	<u>230,456</u>	<u>401,137</u>	<u>216,631</u>	<u>2,106,699</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 4,886,605</u>	<u>\$ 850,527</u>	<u>\$ 605,487</u>	<u>\$ 219,695</u>	<u>\$ 6,562,314</u>

SCHEDULE OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY

207-004	Al Smith Road – Ella Smith Lot	225-044	17 Hummingbird Hill
207-005	Route 10 North – Al Smith Corner Lot	225-215	35 Walton Heath Drive
209-001	Croydon Turnpike – Wallis Land	226-026	Route 10 North – Brookside Park
210-003	Miller Pond Road – Kimball Land	226-027	Route 10 North – Brookside Park
210-004	Off Meriden Road – Wallis Land	227-023	New Aldrich Road
210-005	Croydon Turnpike – Kimball Land	233-001	34 Dunbar Hill Road
210-006	Croydon Turnpike – Minister Lot	233-004	Dunbar Hill Road
210-007	Croydon Turnpike – Wallis Land	233-006	300 Route 10 South
210-008	Croydon Turnpike – Vette Davis Land	233-075	75 Learning Drive – Village School
210-009	Croydon Turnpike – Minister Lot	234-060	13 Troon Drive
210-010	1208 Miller Pond Road – Kimball Land	234-099	34 Greensward Drive
211-012	Miller Pond Road – Lucius Smith Lot	234-120	66 Longwood Drive
211-023	49 Hemlock Lane	234-142	Route 114
211-069	12 Tall Timber Drive – Bus Turnaround	235-016	1081 Route 114 – Landfill Site
212-090	45 High Pond Road	235-030	1150 Route 114 – Transfer Station
213-032	82 Anderson Pond Road	236-004	Route 114
213-053	38 Anderson Pond Road	236-021	Stoney Brook Road – Hilldale Cemetery
213-119	400 Road ‘Round the Lake	237-005	401 Route 10 South – Dunbar Free Library
214-030	18 Caramount Road	237-032	Route 10 South
214-044	28 Spring Valley Drive	237-033	Route 10 South
216-041	Burpee Hill Road – Hastings Cemetery	237-061	Dunbar Hill Road – Dunbar Hill Cemetery
216-089	16 Bobbin Hill	243-003	Stocker Pond Road
218-002	Croydon Turnpike – School Lot	243-009	Stoney Brook/Sanborn Hill
221-002	Route 10 North		
224-001	17 Brookridge Drive		



Hastings Concrete spent a month and a half (from October to December 2004) setting several stages of concrete. Earl Thompson reviews the plans.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Grantham
Grantham, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Grantham as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005 which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

Management has not recorded certain capital assets in governmental activities and, accordingly, has not recorded depreciation expense on those assets. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that those capital assets be capitalized and depreciated, which would increase the assets, net assets, and expenses of the governmental activities. The amount by which this departure would affect the assets, net assets, and expenses of the governmental activities is not reasonably determinable.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the governmental activities of the Town of Grantham, as of June 30, 2005, and the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended.

In addition, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Grantham, as of June 30, 2005, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information are not a required part of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

*Town of Grantham
Independent Auditor's Report*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Grantham's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. They have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

September 8, 2005

*Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association*



Rebar work, reinforcing steel put into concrete, is done by Hastings Concrete.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES

EXHIBIT A-3

TOWN OF GRANTHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

All Governmental Funds

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005

	General	Expendable Trust	Town Building	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
Taxes	\$ 939,838	\$	\$	\$ 8,230	\$ 948,068
Licenses and permits	611,285				611,285
Intergovernmental	167,157			81	167,238
Charges for services	51,310			10,444	61,754
Miscellaneous	<u>75,943</u>	<u>6,018</u>	<u>19,660</u>	<u>15,124</u>	<u>116,745</u>
Total revenues	<u>1,845,533</u>	<u>6,018</u>	<u>19,660</u>	<u>33,879</u>	<u>1,905,090</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Current:					
General government	555,567	1,094		10	556,671
Public safety	386,156				386,156
Highways and streets	197,310				197,310
Sanitation	212,495				212,495
Health	10,246				10,246
Welfare	8,889				8,889
Culture and recreation	21,407			111,690	133,097
Conservation	446				446
Debt service:					
Principal	70,000				70,000
Interest	48,782				48,782
Capital outlay	<u>157,065</u>		<u>1,231,523</u>		<u>1,388,588</u>
Total expenditures	<u>1,668,363</u>	<u>1,094</u>	<u>1,231,523</u>	<u>111,700</u>	<u>3,012,680</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>177,170</u>	<u>4,924</u>	<u>(1,211,863)</u>	<u>(77,821)</u>	<u>(1,107,590)</u>
Other financing sources (uses):					
Proceeds of general obligation debt			1,270,000		1,270,000
Transfers in	110,583	75,000	343,000	100,027	628,610
Transfers out	<u>(260,027)</u>	<u>(368,000)</u>		<u>(583)</u>	<u>(628,610)</u>
Total other financing sources and uses	<u>(149,444)</u>	<u>(293,000)</u>	<u>1,613,000</u>	<u>99,444</u>	<u>1,270,000</u>
Net change in fund balances	27,726	(288,076)	401,137	21,623	162,410
Fund balances, beginning	<u>1,230,749</u>	<u>518,532</u>		<u>195,008</u>	<u>1,944,289</u>
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 1,258,475</u>	<u>\$ 230,456</u>	<u>\$ 401,137</u>	<u>\$ 216,631</u>	<u>\$ 2,106,699</u>

SCHEDULE D-1
TOWN OF GRANTHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Major General Fund
Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005

	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Positive (Negative)
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 845,662	\$ 875,888	\$ 30,226
Land use change	10,000	13,050	3,050
Timber	1,500	5,141	3,641
Excavation	50		(50)
Payment in lieu of taxes	18,000	19,500	1,500
Interest and penalties on taxes	<u>7,500</u>	<u>26,259</u>	<u>18,759</u>
Total taxes	<u>882,712</u>	<u>939,838</u>	<u>57,126</u>
Licenses, permits and fees:			
Business licenses and permits		735	735
Motor vehicle permit fees	500,000	574,561	74,561
Building permits	5,000	20,651	15,651
Other	<u>6,500</u>	<u>15,338</u>	<u>8,838</u>
Total licenses, permits and fees	<u>511,500</u>	<u>611,285</u>	<u>99,785</u>
Intergovernmental:			
State:			
Shared revenue block grant	9,093	9,093	
Meals and rooms distribution	76,862	76,862	
Highway block grant	48,775	51,365	2,590
Other	13,000	13,782	782
Federal:			
Department of Justice	<u>2,000</u>	<u>9,849</u>	<u>7,849</u>
Total intergovernmental	<u>149,730</u>	<u>160,951</u>	<u>11,221</u>
Charges for services:			
Income from departments	<u>50,000</u>	<u>51,310</u>	<u>1,310</u>
Miscellaneous:			
Sale of municipal property	5,000	9,763	4,763
Interest on investments	25,000	49,721	24,721
Insurance dividends and reimbursements		9,016	9,016
Other	<u>21,600</u>	<u>7,443</u>	<u>(14,157)</u>
Total miscellaneous	<u>51,600</u>	<u>75,943</u>	<u>24,343</u>

SCHEDULE D-1 (Continued)
TOWN OF GRANTHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Major General Fund
Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005

	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Positive (Negative)</u>
Other financing sources:			
Transfers in:			
Expendable trust fund	110,000	110,000	
Nonmajor fund:			
Permanent		<u>583</u>	<u>583</u>
Total other financing sources	<u>110,000</u>	<u>110,583</u>	<u>583</u>
Total revenues and other financing sources	1,755,542	<u>\$ 1,949,910</u>	<u>\$ 194,368</u>
Unreserved fund balance used to reduce tax rate	<u>310,000</u>		
Total revenues, other financing sources and use of fund balance	<u>\$ 2,065,542</u>		



Site work is a constant throughout the project.

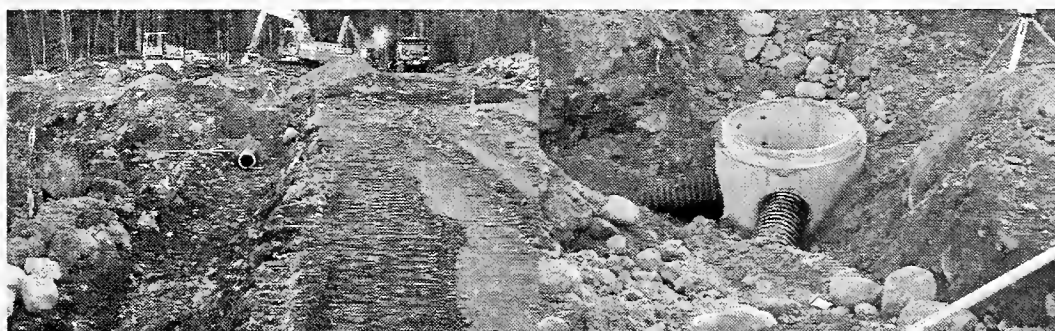
SCHEDULE D-2
TOWN OF GRANTHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund

Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005

	<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	Variance Positive (Negative)
Current:			
General government:			
Executive	\$ 95,575	\$ 88,761	\$ 6,814
Election and registration	75,603	77,026	(1,423)
Financial administration	49,200	49,052	148
Revaluation of property	115,000	99,915	15,085
Legal	8,000	4,398	3,602
Personnel administration	198,120	171,921	26,199
Planning and zoning	8,335	6,994	1,341
General government buildings	45,700	31,228	14,472
Cemeteries	12,000	8,387	3,613
Insurance, not otherwise allocated	16,800	15,805	995
Advertising and regional associations	<u>2,080</u>	<u>2,080</u>	
Total general government	<u>626,413</u>	<u>555,567</u>	<u>70,846</u>
Public safety:			
Police department	286,990	271,078	15,912
Ambulance	49,624	37,442	12,182
Fire department	67,850	69,640	(1,790)
Building inspection	10,000	1,790	8,210
Other	<u>375</u>	<u>375</u>	<u>375</u>
Total public safety	<u>414,839</u>	<u>379,950</u>	<u>34,889</u>
Highways and streets:			
Highways and streets	207,890	195,166	12,724
Street lighting	<u>2,400</u>	<u>2,144</u>	<u>256</u>
Total highways and streets	<u>210,290</u>	<u>197,310</u>	<u>12,980</u>
Sanitation:			
Solid waste collection	86,600	79,056	7,544
Solid waste disposal	137,800	128,607	9,193
Landfill monitoring	<u>8,000</u>	<u>4,832</u>	<u>3,168</u>
Total sanitation	<u>232,400</u>	<u>212,495</u>	<u>19,905</u>
Health:			
Administration	300		300
Animal control	<u>10,246</u>	<u>10,246</u>	
Health agencies	<u>10,546</u>	<u>10,246</u>	<u>300</u>
Total health			
Welfare:			
Direct assistance	<u>5,000</u>	<u>8,889</u>	<u>(3,889)</u>
Culture and recreation:			
Parks and recreation	21,000	21,407	(407)
Other	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Total culture and recreation	<u>23,000</u>	<u>21,407</u>	<u>1,593</u>

SCHEDULE D-2 (Continued)
TOWN OF GRANTHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005

	<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	Variance Positive (Negative)
Conservation	<u>800</u>	<u>446</u>	<u>354</u>
Debt service:			
Principal of long-term debt	70,000	70,000	
Interest on long-term debt	43,050	48,782	(5,732)
Interest on tax anticipation notes	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
Total debt service	<u>113,150</u>	<u>118,782</u>	<u>(5,632)</u>
Capital outlay:			
Town archives	500	458	42
Police cruiser	20,000	22,814	(2,814)
Fire tanker truck	<u>150,000</u>	<u>133,793</u>	<u>16,207</u>
Total capital outlay	<u>170,500</u>	<u>157,065</u>	<u>13,435</u>
Other financing uses:			
Transfers out:			
Expendable trust fund	75,000	75,000	
Town building fund	85,000	85,000	
Nonmajor fund:			
Dunbar Free Library	<u>98,604</u>	<u>100,027</u>	<u>(1,423)</u>
Total other financing uses	<u>258,604</u>	<u>260,027</u>	<u>(1,423)</u>
Total appropriations and expenditures	<u>\$ 2,065,542</u>	<u>\$ 1,922,184</u>	<u>\$ 143,358</u>



Drainage culverts, installed in early November, allow water to move without crossing the surface.

STATEMENT OF UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE

SCHEDULE D-3 TOWN OF GRANTHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE General Fund

*Statement of Changes in Unreserved - Undesignated Fund Balance (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005*

Unreserved, undesignated fund balance, beginning		\$ 1,098,843
Changes:		
Unreserved fund balance used to reduce 2004 tax rate		(310,000)
2004-2005 Budget summary:		
Revenue surplus (Schedule D-1)	\$ 194,368	
Unexpended balance of appropriations (Schedule D-2)	<u>143,358</u>	
2004-2005 Budget surplus		337,726
Increase in fund balance reserved for special purposes		(10)
Decrease in fund balance reserved for tax deeded purposes		<u>2,145</u>
Unreserved, undesignated fund balance, ending		<u>\$ 1,128,704</u>



After the frost walls (the walls below grade) are set, the wood framing starts.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

It has been an active year for staff and volunteers here in Grantham. First and foremost, our new town building has been completed and is now fully occupied. The completion took longer than expected because of a decision, upon the recommendation of the fire chief, to add fire sprinklers in the entire building — a change that increased the cost, but was a prudent change. We hope that you are as pleased with this building as we are.

The board thanks all of those who gave their time and efforts to complete this project, in particular the Building Committee members and our project manager Bruce St. Peter.

During the year, the Planning Board approved the recommendation of the Master Plan Committee for the updated Master Plan. Many of their proposals are on the ballot today as changes in zoning. We wish to thank the committee for their hard work over the last two years.

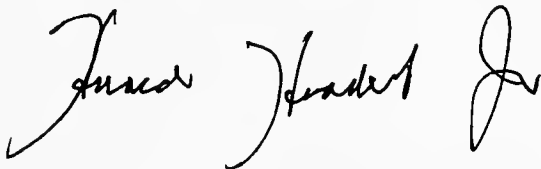
Our Police Department is up to full strength after the completion of training of our new officers. We are pleased and proud of our new officers Captain Walter Madore, Patrolman Cara Tibbits and Patrolman Thomas Harriman.

Mount Trashmore has a new full time employee to drive our new roll off truck. Tony Wilson, Sr., Frank Chaisson and Ray Hamilton are in charge of the day to day operation of our transfer station facility. We hope to see great savings by transporting the various containers of trash and recyclables ourselves.

Road Agent Joe Newcomb and his assistant Jeff Hastings continue to keep the highways and byways of Grantham safe for us by efficiently handling whatever Mother Nature sends our way.

Special thanks to the entire Town Office staff for keeping the wheels of local government well greased and running smoothly.

We have been delighted to serve the Town of Grantham and thank you all for your support.



Harold Haddock, Jr.



Constance Jones



William Hutchins

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

"Any change, even a change for the better, is always accompanied by drawbacks and discomforts."

— Arnold Bennett

Anyone who has ever undertaken a construction project knows the delays that occur. I was hopeful that when it came time to work on budgets and compile materials for the Town Report that I would be doing it from my new office. The building will be worth the wait and I look forward to an office with a door! The new building will be resident friendly but will contain security measures to prevent people from walking throughout the office areas. Hopefully we will be in our new space by Town Meeting in March.

The town's engineer continues to work on the plans for the emergency access bridge to the Village School and hope to have a figure by Town Meeting. I appreciate the voters approving the expenditure of money for this much needed bridge. The intent is to have it gated and not be used for daily traffic due to the location (off the Fire Department's parking lot). The bridge will be rated for all emergency equipment that may need to use it. This will ensure the safety of the school children should an emergency arise.

There are two gentlemen that I would like to bring everyone's attention to: Richard Hocker and Andy Eastman. These two Conservation Commission members were instrumental in the perambulation of the town lines. This is not a simple task, and involves climbing mountains and rocks while documenting as you go along. Using his GPS equipment, Andy marked the boundaries, which will be part of the permanent record. The perambulation will be completed in the spring when Dick and Andy can get back into the animal preserve to finish one boundary. Thank you both for all your hard work in volunteering for your town. It is deeply appreciated!

The Town of Grantham is fortunate to have competent employees who work well together as a team, which is a definite benefit to the residents of Grantham. This town is growing and we are doing our best to keep up while trying to keep the operating expenses steady. Thank you for your support and comments.

Respectfully submitted,



Tina M. Stearns
Town Administrator

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Another year has quickly come and gone in the Town Clerk's Office with Rita and Cindy enjoying Grantham's changing population. At this time we are anticipating our move into the new building. Our new front desk will offer two stations to facilitate faster processing of town clerk and tax collector business, an area for the Supervisors of the Checklist to maintain and update voter registrations, a climate controlled vault and a private office to conduct business.

Did you know? You have 10 days upon moving into Grantham from another New Hampshire town to notify the State Department of Motor Vehicles in writing of your new address (NH RSA 263:9). A record change request can be obtained from your Town Clerk.

If you are a new resident to the state you must obtain a New Hampshire Driver's license and automobile registration (plates) within 60 days of moving into the state. Starting January 1, 2006, all 1991 vehicles become title exempt.

Proof of residency at the Town Clerk's Office must be established before motor vehicle registration, voter registration and driver's license can be obtained. Please call our office for further information on what is acceptable documentation.

We offer two Internet methods of car renewal:

- 1) The State of New Hampshire's Web site (www.egov.nh.gov/) offers a new program Compass allowing residents to renew their motor vehicle using a credit card. This renewal information is transferred to our office and we update the information as we receive it.
- 2) Our office also offers the service of E-Reg. This electronic transfer of funds allows residents to renew registrations online at any time. One may go to the Grantham Web site (www.granthamnh.net) to visit this site. These sites only allow renewals so any other process — new cars, transfers, etc. — must be completed at our office.

We use the NHVRIN system in our office for vital records and are able to access the state's database to acquire New Hampshire birth record from 1988 to the present, New Hampshire death records from 1990 to the present and New Hampshire marriage records from 1989 to the present. This allows patrons to purchase certified copies of these records at our office instead of having to contact the town of occurrence.

We are currently working on updating our voter checklist for the State of New Hampshire Statewide Voter Checklist. This checklist is scheduled for completion in early 2006.

The Town of Grantham was awarded a \$10,000 grant for "Preserving Grantham's History." The funds will be used to repair and preserve Grantham's historical records. This preservation project has been made possible through funds received from the sale of New Hampshire Conservation License Plate and administered by the New Hampshire Library, a division of the New Hampshire Department of Cultural Resources. Rita would like to thank the volunteers who joined her in the grant writing process: Connie Jones, Selectman; Lea Frey, Town Archivist; Kristina Burgard, editor and photographer.

Our hours continue to be Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m.

We can be contacted at 863-5608, fax 863-4499, reigenbrode@granthamnh.net and ctowle@granthamnh.net

Rita and Cindy convey their gratification in serving the people of Grantham and welcome comments from our fellow townspeople.



Rita Eigenbrode, Town Clerk/Tax Collector



Cynthia Towle, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector

JULY 1, 2004 TO JUNE 30, 2005

Motor Vehicle Permit Fee.....	\$566,443.00
Municipal Agent Fee.....	8,090.00
Reclamation Trust Fund.....	7,728.00
Reclamation Administration Fees.....	1,624.50
Dog Licenses	2,364.00
State Dog Fund	1,324.00
Dog License Fines	991.00
Marriage Licenses	675.00
Marriage, Birth & Death Certificates.	456.00
Copies of Marriage, Birth & Death Certificates	296.00
UCC Filings	720.00
Wetland Permits	30.00
Miscellaneous Fees	16.50
Bad Check Fees	25.00
Election Filing Fees	5.00

TOTAL..... \$591,635.11



Brian Hastings drives some heavy machinery to move dirt back around the concrete foundation.

TAX COLLECTOR'S MS-61 REPORT

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2005

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	Levy for this Year	PRIOR LEVIES 2004
Property Taxes	\$5,315,206.54	\$597,347.93
Tax Lien Cost	(1140.00 included in above)	
Land Use Change	16,460.00	
Yield Taxes	5,140.58	
Interest (include lien conversion)	3,386.92	7,311.21
Penalties	564.00	36.00
Credit Memo	1,677.43	
Previous Year Prepay	15,736.55	
Conversion to Lien (principal only)	24,693.70	20,290.07
Bad Check Fee	55.00	

ABATEMENTS MADE

Property Taxes	10,365.83	2,656.62
Resident Taxes		
Land Use Change		
Yield Taxes		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd		
Utility Charges		

CURRENT LEVY DEEDED

UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END OF YEAR #1080

Property Taxes	925,161.92	0
Resident Taxes		
Land Use Change	4,820.00	
Yield Taxes		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd		
Utility Charges		

TOTAL CREDITS	\$6,307,531.92	\$643,378.38
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TAX COLLECTOR'S MS-61 REPORT

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2005

DEBITS

	Last Year's Levy 2004	2003	PRIOR LEVIES	
			2002	PRIOR
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$46,820.02	\$24,495.97	\$14,836.11	
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	49,238.42			
Interest & Costs Collected (AFTER LIEN EXECUTION)	209.62	3,976.46	4,906.16	4,302.16
Variance				
TOTAL DEBITS	\$49,448.04	\$50,796.48	\$29,402.13	\$19,138.27

CREDITS

	Last Year's Levy 2004	2003	PRIOR LEVIES	
REMITTED TO TREASURER			2002	PRIOR
Redemptions	\$8,111.33	\$25,770.20	\$14,488.31	\$13,986.60
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	209.62	3,976.46	4,906.16	4,302.16
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	34.00			
Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year #1110	41,093.09	21,796.48	10,007.66	849.51
TOTAL CREDITS	\$49,448.04	\$50,796.48	\$29,402.13	\$19,138.27

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a)? YES ☒

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE Rita Egenhede DATE _____

UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX LIENS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

Property Owner	Map-Lot	Property Address	2004	2003	02 & prior	TOTALS
Argus Barclay Mellon Invest	213-081	3 Shore Road	136.18		136.18	
Ashbury Properties Limited	216-114	1 Old Spring Drive	2,005.28	2,084.62	857.12	4,947.02
Bard, Rose Marie	226-019	161 Yankee Barn Road	233.65	245.23	623.06	1,101.94
Ciriello, Richard J	214-091	75 Whitetail Ridge	141.33			141.33
Clancy, Michael S & Janet L	216-156	32 Old Spring Drive	394.35			394.35
Covel, Cynthia A	238-007	95 Jericho Road	3,186.81	3,317.50		6,504.31
Covill, Richard R & Barbara	232-007	631 Dunbar Hill Road	2,453.01			2,453.01
Dance, Samuel & Ariel G	234-120	66 Longwood Drive	396.93	411.89	369.97	1,178.79
Delisle, James E Jr & Barbara	215-009-027	827 Covered Bridge Road	2,911.42	94.35		3,005.77
E J Realty Trust	222-142-010	10 Pioneer Point	58.99			58.99
Gallien, Ryan S & Shannon M	221-052	626 Route 10 North	804.23	621.34	799.80	2,225.37
Garland, Peter H & Elizabeth H	214-007	25 Catamount Road	9,133.11			9,133.11
Green Links Construction Corp	214-094	Off Whitetail Ridge	75.90	77.58		153.48
Hastings, Michael G	207-013	Leavitt Hill Road	16.35			16.35
Hastings, Michael G	207-011	Leavitt Hill Road	41.85			41.85
Hastings, Michael G	207-012	Leavitt Hill Road	16.29			16.29
Hastings, Michael G	208-003	Leavitt Hill Road	28.13			28.13
Hastings, M.G. & Lariviere, C.	207-016	276 Hastings Hill	2,248.95			2,248.95
Kieswetter, Kenneth Jr	223-006	16 Deer Run	358.20	371.57		729.77
Longley, Todd E	237-024-001	730 Route 10 South	291.24			291.24
Mikoloski, Henry S	215-137	3 Sugar Hill Road	717.04	730.44		1,447.48
Miller, Dawn M	221-052-001	626 Route 10 North	247.98	260.39	462.04	970.41
New Linden RealtyTrust	234-057	7 Troon Drive	41.40			41.40
Partridge, Edward & Deborah L	236-055	88 Stocker Pond Road	2,568.49	2,716.51	2,395.42	7,680.42
Partridge, Edward & Deborah L	235-029	I-89 Springfield Line	116.27			116.27
Peters, Alexandra	212-052	30 Butternut Road	425.33			425.33
Rasenas, Roman & Ella	214-038	40 Spring Valley Drive			19.00	19.00
Reney, Aaron & Jeremy	233-020-001	41 Yankee Barn Road	1,797.37	16.56		1,813.93
Search, Robert D	222-151-004	27 Pleasant Drive	3,089.55	3,215.98		6,305.53
Thibodeau, Michael A	221-048	800 Route 10 North	1,642.20			1,642.20
Underhill Jr, Robert K & Jane B	227-015	10 Meadowbrook Road	4,931.89	6,885.86	6,130.56	17,948.31
Wood, Steven R	226-013	870 Dunbar Hill Road	583.37			583.37
TOTALS:			\$40,373.54	\$21,049.82	\$11,656.97	\$73,080.33

Please note that not all of these lien amounts are currently outstanding.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

JULY 1, 2004 ~ JUNE 30, 2005

Beginning Balance – July 1, 2004

LSB Business Treasury NOW Acct.	\$3,025,190.84
NH PDIP – General Fund	\$ 773,582.75
NH PDIP – Town Hall Bond (7/22/04)	\$1,270,000.00

BEGINNING BALANCE TOTAL: **\$5,068,773.59**

RECEIPTS:

Tax Collector	\$6,069,032.23
Town Clerk	591,637.41
Town Office	635,061.45
Interest Earned	69,381.29

Total Receipts: **\$7,365,112.38**

Adjustments:

Bank Fees	(216.20)
Miscellaneous	166.50
Bad Checks	(997.75)
Bad Checks Redeposited	965.00

TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS **(\$82.45)**

TOTAL YEAR NET RECEIPTS: **\$7,365,029.93**

Annual Disbursements per Order of Selectmen

Accounts Payable	\$7,744,333.34
Payroll and Benefits	516,543.31
Federal 941 Taxes	122,534.13
Less Void Checks	(2,342.01)

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: **\$8,381,068.77**

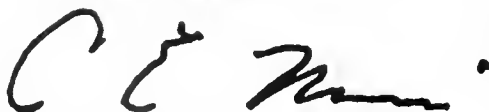
YEARS NET RECEIPTS OR (DISBURSEMENTS): **(\$1,016,038.84)**

END OF YEAR BALANCE – June 30, 2005: **\$4,052,734.75**

YEAR END ACCOUNTS TOTAL – June 30, 2005

LSB Treasury NOW Account	\$3,075,869.59
NH PDIP – General Fund	787,205.34
NH PDIP – Town Hall Bond	189,659.82

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher Morris, Treasurer

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Report of the Trust Funds Capital Reserve Funds for year ending June 30, 2005

PRINCIPAL

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1	[Page 1 of 4]							
2	Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Balance Beginning 7/1/2004	PRINCIPAL New Funds	Withdrawals	PRINCIPAL Balance End of Year 6/30/2005
4	1900-2004	CEMETERY FUNDS	Cemeteries	LSB CD/SAV	32,096.91	2,550.00	-	34,646.91
6		OTHER TRUST FUNDS						
8	1891	Grantham School Fund	Grantham					
9		Sale of Leased Land	School	SA LSB	623.00	-	-	623.00
10	1915	Hiram Buswell Fund	Dunbar Library	SA LSB	300.00	-	-	300.00
11	6/18/85	Glenn Hudson Mem. Fund	Scholarship Fund	CD LSB	2,985.00	-	-	2,985.00
12	1/30/97	JP & MM English Educ. Fnd.	Educ. Excellence	SS/CD LSB	11,248.43	-	-	11,248.43
14		Totals Other Trust Funds			15,156.43	-	-	15,156.43
16		CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS						-
17	5/10/90	Fire Department Apparatus	Fire Trucks, etc.	SRSB CD	119,100.00	-	100,000.00	19,100.00
18	7/17/93	Office Computer	New Computer	MBIA 0010	3,475.00	1,500.00	-	4,975.00
19	12/15/95	Mower Fund	New Mowers	MBIA 0012	9,000.00	1,500.00	-	10,500.00
20	12/18/98	Police Dept. Console	Radio Equip.	MBIA 0020	30,000.00	30,000.00	-	60,000.00
21	10/18/01	Municipal Bldg Fund	Building Fund	MBIA 0024	125,000.00	-	125,000.00	-
22	7/17/03	Municipal Bldg CRF	Office Building	LSB 545	125,000.00	-	125,000.00	-
23	2/15/00	Highway Equip Fund	Public Works	LSB CD 544	30,000.00	30,000.00	-	60,000.00
24	3/29/00	Village District Dump Truck	One Ton Truck	MBIA-0022	4,000.00	10,000.00	14,000.00	-
25	10/31/02	Village District Security Improv	Improv. Update	MBIA-0026	16,098.78	-	16,000.00	98.78
26	7/17/03	Transfer Station Equipment	Equipment	SRSB CD 549	10,000.00	10,000.00	-	20,000.00
27	7/17/03	Police Vehicles CRF	Police Vehicles	LSB CD 550	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	-
28	12/17/03	Village District Pickup Truck	Pickup Truck	MBIA-0027	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	-
29	10/8/04	Grantham School Constr. CRF	School Building	SRSB CD 552	-	96,063.96	-	96,063.96
30	2/22/05	Ball Field Construction CRF	Ball Field	MBIA-0029	-	25,000.00	-	25,000.00
31	4/27/05	Village District Comm. System	Communication Sys.	MBIA-0034	-	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
32	4/27/05	Village District Inventory Hardware	Hardware	MBIA-0033	-	15,000.00	-	15,000.00
33	4/27/05	Village District Filter Media CRF	Filter Media	MBIA-0032	-	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
34	4/27/05	Village District Office Equip CRF	Office Equipment	MBIA-0031	-	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
35	4/27/05	Village District Storage Tank CRF	Storage Tank	MBIA-0030	-	30,000.00	-	30,000.00
37		TOTAL TOWN CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS			491,673.78	264,063.96	400,000.00	355,737.74

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Report of the Trust Funds Capital Reserve Funds for year ending June 30, 2005

PRINCIPAL

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2	Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Balance Beginning 7/1/2004	PRINCIPAL New Funds	Withdrawals	PRINCIPAL Balance End of Year 6/30/2005
3								
4		EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS						
5								
6	12/27/95	Vil.Dis. Of Eastman	Gen/Pump Maint.	MBIA 0007	45,981.00	-	45,981.00	-
7	12/27/95	Vil.Dis. Of Eastman	Water Main Maint.	MBIA 0005	35,000.00	15,000.00	-	50,000.00
8	12/27/95	Vil.Dis. Of Eastman	Water Main Maint.	SRSB CD 2yr	200,000.00	-	-	200,000.00
9	2003 & 05	Vil.Dis. Of Eastman	Backflow/Meter	MBIA 0028	-	51,000.00	-	51,000.00
10	12/15/95	Expendable General Trust	Town Em. Repairs	MBIA 0021	15,085.68	-	-	15,085.68
11	1/21/97	GV School Expend. Trust	Sch. Em. Repairs	MBIA 0015	28,080.00	-	10,000.00	18,080.00
12	1/31/00	GV Sch. Spec. Ed. Exp. Tr.	Spec. Education	MBIA/LSB CD	39,600.00	-	39,600.00	-
13	10/9/03	GV Sch. Tuition Exp.	Sec. Sch. Tuition	SRSB CD 551	100,000.00	-	-	100,000.00
14								
15		TOTAL EXPENDABLE TRUSTS			463,746.68	66,000.00	95,581.00	434,165.68
16								
17								
18		REPORT TOTAL			1,002,673.80	309,613.96	495,581.00	816,706.76

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Report of the Trust Funds Capital Reserve Funds for year ending June 30, 2005

INCOME

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
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2	Name of Trust Fund	PRINCIPAL Balance End of Year 6/30/2005	INCOME Balance Beg. of Year 7/1/2004	INCOME during year	Expended during year	INCOME BALANCE End of Year 6/30/2005	GRAND TOTAL Principal & Income
3							
4	CEMETERY FUNDS	34,646.91	10,306.41	425.26	582.87	10,148.80	44,795.71
5							
6	OTHER TRUST FUNDS						
7	Grantham School Fund						
8	Sale of Leased Land	623.00	2.55	1.56	2.55	1.56	624.56
9	Hiram Buswell Fund	300.00	1.74	0.75	1.74	0.75	300.75
10	Glenn Hudson Mem. Fund	2,985.00	53.09	30.37	-	83.46	3,068.46
11	JP & MM English Educ. Fnd.	11,248.43	191.45	168.71	302.00	58.16	11,306.59
12							
13	TOTAL OTHER TRUST FUNDS	15,156.43	248.83	201.39	306.29	143.93	15,300.36
14							
15	CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS						
16							
17	Fire Department Apparatus	19,100.00	16,583.24	879.73	469.99	16,992.98	36,092.98
18	Office Computer	4,975.00	890.39	101.96	-	992.35	5,967.35
19	Mower Fund	10,500.00	1,301.01	206.66	-	1,507.67	12,007.67
20	Police Dept. Console	37,000.00	2,703.94	694.05	-	3,397.99	40,397.99
21	Municipal Bldg.'s Fund	-	8,045.05	1,016.38	5,716.12	3,345.31	3,345.31
22	Municipal Bldg.'s CRF	-	1,839.28	444.60	2,283.88	-	-
23	Highway Equip. Fund	60,000.00	5,927.31	923.13	-	6,850.44	66,850.44
24	Vil. Dis. Dump Truck	-	184.15	235.62	419.77	-	-
25	Vil. Dis. Security Improv.	98.78	104.11	273.28	-	377.39	476.17
26	Transfer Station Equipment	20,000.00	203.41	424.83	-	628.24	20,628.24
27	Police Vehicles CRF	-	137.83	12.87	-	150.70	150.70
28	Vil. Dis. Pickup Truck	-	34.97	169.00	203.97	-	-
29	Grantham School Construct CRF	96,063.96	-	1,357.72	-	1,357.72	97,421.68
30	Ball Field Construction CRF	25,000.00	-	198.22	-	198.22	25,198.22
31	Vil. Dis. Communication Sys. CRF	5,000.00	-	11.47	-	11.47	5,011.47
32	Vil. Dis. Inventory Hardware CRF	15,000.00	-	34.44	-	34.44	15,034.44
33	Vil. Dis. Filter Media CRF	5,000.00	-	11.47	-	11.47	5,011.47
34	Vil. Dis. Office Equip. CRF	5,000.00	-	11.47	-	11.47	5,011.47
35	Vil. Dis. Storage Tank CRF	30,000.00	-	68.85	-	68.85	30,068.85
36							
37	TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS	332,737.74	37,954.69	7,075.75	9,093.73	35,936.71	368,674.45

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Report of the Trust Funds Capital Reserve Funds for year ending June 30, 2005

INCOME

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
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2	Name of Trust Fund	PRINCIPAL Balance End of Year	INCOME Balance Beg. of Year	INCOME During Year	Expended During Year	INCOME BALANCE End of Year	GRAND TOTAL Principal & Income
3							
4	EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS						
5							
6	Expendable General Trust	15,085.68	4,240.31	340.22	-	4,580.53	19,666.21
7	GV School Expend. Trust	18,080.00	7,167.93	603.40	-	7,771.33	25,851.33
8	GV Sch. Spec. Ed. Exp. Trust	-	4,409.01	701.15	3,400.00	1,710.16	1,710.16
9	GV Sch. Tuition Exp.	100,000.00	943.64	1,150.01	-	2,093.65	102,093.65
10	VII. Dis. Of Eastman	-	8,796.07	763.78	8,914.00	645.85	645.85
11	VII. Dis. Of Eastman	50,000.00	19,727.78	10,889.57	-	30,617.35	80,617.35
12	VII. Dis. Of Eastman	200,000.00	5,457.15	4,318.32	9,775.47	-	200,000.00
13	VII. Dis. Of Eastman	51,000.00	-	117.08	-	117.08	51,117.08
14							
15	TOTAL EXPENDABLE TRUSTS	434,165.68	50,741.89	18,883.53	22,089.47	47,535.95	481,701.63
16							
17							
18	REPORT TOTAL	816,706.76	99,251.82	26,585.93	32,072.36	93,765.39	910,472.15

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Cemetery Trustees Dennis Howard, Warren Kimball and Arnold (Andy) Anderson held one meeting between July 1, 2004, and June 30, 2005. Warren served as Chairman and Dennis continues as Bookkeeper until such time as the funds are depleted. In the future all cemetery-related expenses will be included in the Cemetery Budget. Warren Legacy continues to serve as Cemetery Sexton.

The Cemetery Trustees, with the help of Sarah Barton and Clerk Connie Howard, calculated the maintenance costs and submitted information to the Trustees of Trust Funds for withdrawals from the Perpetual Care and Maintenance Trust Funds in the amount of \$528.14. This money goes into the Town's General Fund.

Warren Legacy has received requests for a water supply at the cemeteries for the convenience of those who provide plants for their loved ones. The Trustees will be looking into possible ways to meet this need and will welcome public input. The Trustees and Sexton are concerned for the safety of placing items such as coins and other family treasures on family lots. They are recommending that these objects be attached to the monuments in some way.

The Trustees plan to visit the Mountain and Leavitt Hill Cemeteries in 2006. They will be looking for volunteers to help with brush cutting and general clean up. Please contact one of the Trustees if you would like to help.

The Cemetery Regulations were amended as of December 7, 2004. Copies of the amended regulations can be obtained at the Town Office. Questions relative to cemetery regulations or cemetery care should be directed to Warren Kimball. If he is not available, please contact Andy or the new trustee to be elected in March 2006. Questions relative to arrangements for purchasing cemetery lots, burials or installation of monuments and markers should be directed to Warren Legacy, Cemetery Sexton.

Please take note of the Cemetery Regulations relative to gravesite decorations listed below. (The Trustees welcome suggestions for improving the regulations.)

Floral Decorations:

- a. Floral arrangements and potted plants may be placed during the week prior to Memorial Day and remain until July 15. The use of artificial plants and flowers are discouraged. No shrubs are allowed.
- b. A new grave may have flowers or other appropriate decorations for up to 30 days after burial.
- c. The July 15 date does not apply to lots that are cared for by individual families.
- d. All decorations will be removed by October 15 from all lots.
- e. Perennial spring blooming flowers or ground cover may be planted close to the gravestones. (Not allowed at surface markers.)
- f. Appropriate winter decorations may be attached to a monument between November 15 and April 15.

A bit of history: In 1984 the Selectmen appointed a Cemetery Advisory Committee to make recommendations for the needs of the cemeteries in Grantham. This committee chaired by Patricia Stier recommended the establishment of Cemetery Trustees as permitted by RSA 289 of state statutes. Alfred and Joey Holmes and Dennis Howard were elected as Cemetery Trustees in 1985. Dennis has announced that he intends to retire as Cemetery Trustee in March 2006 having completed seven three-year terms.

We extend our appreciation for the cooperation of the Town Office staff, the Public Works Department, Joey Holmes for placing Memorial Flags, Cemetery Sexton Warren Legacy and the families that faithfully help us maintain, honor and care for our departed loved ones in our cemeteries. We also appreciate the work done by the Grantham Historical Society and Archives folks for their genealogical interest and preservation of records.

Respectfully Submitted,

G. Warren Kimball, Chairman

Dennis W. Howard, Bookkeeper

Arnold Anderson Jr.

Warren Legacy, Sexton

Sexton's Report:

Lots Sold 7/1/04 – 6/30/05: Eleven lots for seven families

Burials in Memorial Cemetery:

Stanley Currier	Kenneth Barton
Dovie Story	Everett Reney
John Thornton	Stephen and Valarie Rudnai
Douglas Fountain	Wilfred Hastings
Jean Simon	Howard Goodrow
Renwick and Barbara Martin	

Cemetery Trustees Annual Report of Bookkeeper July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005

Balance on hand, 6/30/2004		<u>\$551.31</u>
Old Graveyard Restoration Fund	193.05	
Undesignated Fund	358.26	
Receipts	0.00	
Disbursements:		
NH Old Graveyard Assoc. dues 2004	10.00	<u>(10.00)</u>
Balance on hand, 6/30/2005		<u><u>\$541.31</u></u>
Old Graveyard Restoration	\$193.05	
Undesignated Fund	<u>348.26</u>	
Total available funds, 6/30/05		<u><u>\$541.31</u></u>

CEMETERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TAKEN FROM THE 1984 TOWN REPORT

The Town of Grantham Board of Selectmen appointed a Cemetery Advisory Committee to make recommendations for the needs of the cemeteries in the Town. The committee has met three times and members have worked individually to gather information and report to the Selectmen. We recommend a "Yes" vote on the Cemetery Articles and the establishment of a Cemetery Commission/Commissioners.

The Cemetery Advisory Committee's goal is to restore and preserve all of Grantham's cemeteries. We are concerned about the condition of five that appear to be deserted and abandoned, as well as three currently being used. Due to investigations made by this committee, the Littlefield Cemetery is being restored with funds provided for its care.

Did you know there are nine cemeteries in Grantham? Some of Grantham's earliest settlers are buried in the Gleason Cemetery in Meriden which was once a part of Grantham. The earliest burial in the Grantham Mountain Cemetery (Lily Pond Road) was in 1810; Dunbar Hill in 1818; and Leavitt Hill (Leavitt Pond Road) in 1839. The other cemeteries are: Burpee Hill (commonly called Brown Cemetery), Hastings Memorial Cemetery on Burpee Hill, Fisher or Smith Cemetery on Miller Pond Road, Hill Dale Cemetery on East Grantham Road, Littlefield Cemetery on Dunbar Hill Road and the new Grantham Memorial Cemetery off East Grantham Road near the Municipal Building and School. Some of these are private family graveyards. with funds from the 1984 appropriations. The Dunbar Hill Cemetery Gate has been moved to the lower corner to improve access to the cemetery with funds provided by The Henry A. Howard Memorial Fund. Plans are underway to hold volunteer clean-up days at Leavitt Hill Cemetery where brush and trees have taken over, destroying and dislodging many of the markers. Similar work is needed at Grantham Mountain and both cemeteries on Burpee Hill. The only way to get to Leavitt Hill and Grantham Mountain Cemeteries is on foot or in dry weather by all-terrain or 4x4 vehicles.

We wish to express our appreciation to the following for their help in accumulating information, providing transportation and directions and allowing us to cross their property: Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Flewelling, Mr. Kenneth Barton, Trustees of Croydon Congregational Church and The New Hampshire Old Graveyard Association. We also thank those who have offered to help with the clean-up and transportation when the work bees are scheduled.

Cemetery Advisory Committee

Patricia Stier, Chairlady

Dennis Howard, Co-chairman

Connie Howard, Secretary

Donald Taylor, Financial Assistance

Joey Holmes, Resource Assistance

GRANTHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

When Ella Reney died suddenly in September 2005, the society lost its real leader. Ella was a founder of the society, served as president, vice president and as secretary from its founding in 1993. She arranged agendas for meetings, found speakers, kept records and planned for the future. To say that she will be missed is a somewhat overused cliché but, in this case, a true one.



Ella Reney unable to get out of her front door after a snowstorm in March 2001.

Several speakers addressed our meetings in 2005: Fred Vogt on problems and prospects for the Village School; Bess Hastings on oxen and New Hampshire farming; Julie Crossland on quilts; Willena Hastings Spooner told of all the people living in North Grantham as she grew up in the 1920s and 1930s; Phyllis Horton Forest spoke of her childhood on the Horton Farm; and I spoke of Grantham history at our Annual Meeting in May.

Our big event of the year was a trolley tour of historic sites in town. Lea Frey and Pat Andrews did a great amount of work and research to make it possible. Pat produced the excellent pamphlet given to riders and Mort Shea did commentary on the tour. Three tours of our planned route were made with a full load of people each time. Due to time constraints we could only cover the south end of town (and only parts of that). The event was so well received that we hope to repeat it for the north of town, perhaps in 2006.

Next year the present town office will become a combined town archive and display premises for our society. We will have to do some rearranging of the building and we are open to suggestions and help from the public. When the building is ready, we will accept gifts and loans of artifacts of Grantham history for display (unless too bulky, too fragile or too badly deteriorated). By history, we mean anything from 1767 to 2006.

Our militia flag, now at the Dunbar Library, will be moved to the Municipal Building on loan from the historical society.

Respectfully submitted,

*Allen W. Walker
President*



Start of trolley tour with Cathy Champagne about to board the trolley.

TOWN ARCHIVIST

Grantham Town Archives: 34 Dunbar Hill Road
Hours open to the public: Friday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Grantham awarded \$10,000 to be used for the project entitled "Preserving Grantham's History!" The State of New Hampshire awarded a generous \$10,000 Moose Plate Grant to the Town of Grantham's archival unit in September for the purposes of conserving its local heritage. The grant is from a fund generated by the sale of conservation license plates throughout the state. Grant money will go toward the restoration and preservation of 11 key historic documents, including deeds, chattel mortgages, cash books, invoice of polls, Selectmen's books and journals, and Town Records, which date back to the 1840s. These frail documents help researchers piece together the history and development of Grantham as a town and community. Preservation should be complete by spring 2006.



Town of Grantham, circa 1955

A big thank you goes to the committee who identified the town's oldest and most damaged documents, researched their value to the town's heritage and applied for the grant. The committee included Kristina Burgard, Rita Eigenbrode, Lea Frey and Connie Jones.

The town's archival unit gratefully receives any and all historic material relating to the town's history. One remarkable treasure was rescued from the town library's attic when the Selectman moved to the present Town Clerk's office; Dennis Howard of Bouldervale Farm donated an early 1800s Proprietor's Book that contains the Town's second charter, dated 1767, as well as a survey of the first 300 acre lots laid out in the early 1800s. As with all material received by the Town Archives, both the book and its transcribed contents are available for public viewing.

Like the community it wishes to document, the Town Archives is a living entity that grows with each individual's contribution. Please continue to share and donate any town papers, maps, postcard or photographs to the Town Archives. They are part of a rich resource vital to rediscovering the town and our families' past.

Respectfully submitted,

Lea Frey
Town Archivist

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

My masters are really tightening the thumb-screws for me to write my town report. It seems like all I ever do is write, write, write! Sometimes I think my head is going to explode!

The 2004-05 season was pretty much business as usual. Routine maintenance was the order of the day. Grading and raking roads, spreading chloride, cleaning ditches, spreading gravel and plowing/sanding in the winter.

This summer we cleaned ditches and spread gravel on Miller Pond Road, Stocker Pond Road, Burpee Hill Road and Al Smith Road.



Dunbar Hill Road was prepped for paving. We changed several culverts and spread gravel but due to drainage issues the paving was postponed. Hopefully it can be completed by July 2006.

We experienced another mild winter last year, for which I'm grateful. The weathermen currently are calling for a snowier than normal winter this year and I personally hope they're wrong, but I guess Mother Nature will do whatever she pleases.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Joe Newcomb, Road Agent

Jeff Hastings, Asst. Road Agent

TRANSFER STATION REPORT



In mid November 2005 we finally took possession of the new roll off truck and hired a full-time employee at the Transfer Station. Please welcome our new driver, Tony Wilson, who comes to our area from the West Coast where he was a truck driver for many years. I am confident he will be a valuable asset to the Transfer Station team.

With the addition of the new truck and driver, I am certain we will see some beneficial changes at Mount Trashmore. You may have noticed the new paper box provided by Northeast Resource Recovery Association of Chichester, N.H. They haul the box and pay Grantham \$45 per ton, so remember to recycle your junk mail and newspapers.

The metal box is now generating \$65 per ton. When these recycled items were hauled by our previous hauler, the town did not receive any monies from the proceeds. Now these items are generating revenue instead of costing the taxpayers. The price for recycled plastic has increased dramatically and may prove to be a source of considerable revenue if we have the manpower to process it correctly.

A lot of things change and prices fluctuate in our recycling efforts but one thing remains certain — the volume of materials coming in to the Transfer Station is ever increasing. We need to continually monitor and upgrade our strategies to serve the people of Grantham and market the material produced to the greatest benefit of the Town of Grantham.

A big change this year was to mail every homeowner a Transfer Station sticker. The first one is included with your taxes, and additional ones may be purchased from the Selectmen's Office for \$10 each. The stickers will be included with your December tax bill from now on. Don't forget you still need to obtain separate tickets to dispose of large items or construction debris. The sticker only covers household trash and recycled items.

Thank you for your recycling efforts and continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Newcomb
Road Agent

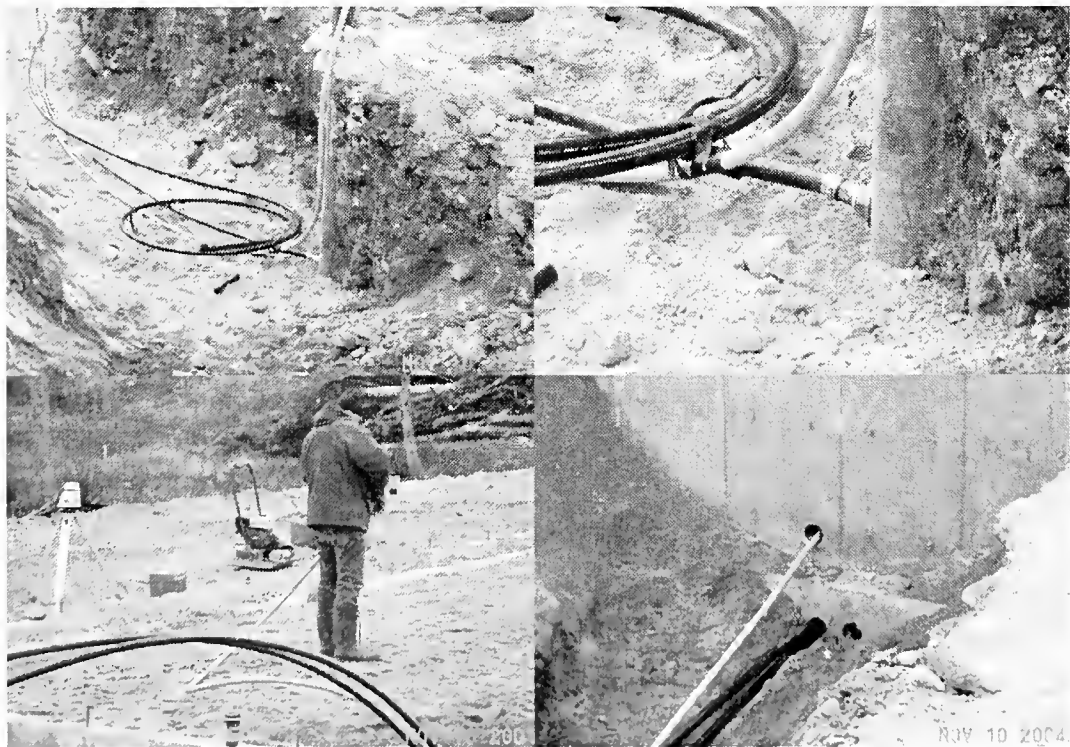


Recycling Revenues

7/04-12/04	\$2,621.93
7/05-12/05	\$4,804.67



Verizon sets up the power poles.



Water lines are installed.

NH/VT SOLID WASTE PROJECT & SCRRDD

Over the course of this last year, a great deal of activity has again taken place. The following is offered so that you will have an understanding as to the amount of trash that we generate, what is happening relative to how we can expect to dispose of our trash in the future, as well as the status of the NH/VT Solid Waste Project.

In 2005, we sent 1,282 tons of trash to the incinerator in Claremont. That was a 6 percent decrease over 2004 and in line with the average change in the total tonnage for all of the New Hampshire member communities. Without a doubt the community's strong support of our recycling program was the primary reason for this fine showing. This program not only generates significant monies from its resale of recycled materials, but it also saves approximately \$130 for each ton that was not sent to the incinerator. You also need to be aware that your efforts in recycling in general have a very positive affect on the overall cost of trash disposal in our community and that it helps to control our town operating budget.

Those of you who read the various local papers have seen articles on both the closed landfill in Newport and the incinerator in Claremont. This year has seen concerted efforts on the part of the project to divest itself of both the closed landfill and the land in Claremont that is being used by the Wheelabrator Incinerator. ECON of Newport has agreed to take over the management of the closed landfill in exchange for the 91 acres of land, a cash payment and the trust that is to provide for its monitoring and maintenance until 2031. They are also providing extensive liability indemnification for all member towns. The Claremont property, to which Wheelabrator holds a right of first refusal, is being sold for \$300,000. With the divestment of these two assets, the project will be prepared to disband on 7/1/07, as is anticipated with the ending of the current contract with Wheelabrator. Efforts are currently underway for us to find a suitable and cost effective way of disposing of our trash after that date.

It will be in our interest to continue to improve our efforts in recycling to both control our costs and to meet goals that the NHDES has indicated they will be setting. This more than likely means that our selectmen will have to give serious consideration to making recycling mandatory, not just for those of us that go to Mt. Trashmore, but to all of us in our community. It will also mean that we will have to be in a position to verify the total amount of materials that we remove from our waste stream, with a much higher degree of accuracy, as to what is included and its mass.

To address these issues the selectmen have appointed a committee to investigate and evaluate all of the options for the disposal of our trash and to report with recommendations. They will also assist in the development of a long-range plan for the town as to how and where we will be disposing of our trash; this plan is a requirement under NH law. The members of the committee are David Frucht, Bob MacNeil, Harold Haddock and I.

Should you have any questions please bring them to Town Meeting. There will be an opportunity to have them addressed.

Thank you,

Arthur Magowan

Representative to both the NH/VT Solid Waste Project and SCRRDD

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

"The reward of a thing well done is to have it done."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

This fiscal year brought big changes for the police department, the biggest being the start of construction of the new Grantham Municipal Building at long last. It is November 2005 as I write this and we are anxiously waiting the day of our move.

Since August 2004, I am sure you have seen two new faces in Grantham Police uniforms about town. Since they were hired, Thomas M. Harriman and Cara E. Tibbits have both graduated from the full-time Academy and are proving to be fine additions to the police department. Tom was a former member of Eastman Security, so he knows his way around town and Eastman, in particular, not an easy task for anyone unfamiliar with the system of roads in Eastman. Cara was formerly a full-time dispatcher with the Newport Police Department so many of the elements of law enforcement were familiar to her when she was hired. Both Tom and Cara are to be congratulated for successfully completing the Academy and for transitioning easily into their positions as full-time officers with our department.

Walter A. Madore, a part-time officer with the police department for more than 15 years, is now a full-time officer with the rank of Captain. Walter attended and graduated from the full-time academy in April 2005. Walt, too, deserves accolades for completing the full-time Academy and especially for making a complete career change at this mid-life point in his life. He has taken on the responsibilities as second-in-command here at the police department with both enthusiasm and proficiency.

You will see from our statistics for the year that the number of traffic citation arrests and warnings has tripled since our last report to the town. There are two reasons for this; the first being the high rate of population growth in town and the increased business growth in the Upper Valley area in general. The second factor is that we now have the manpower that we need to meet the increased demand for law enforcement. As any resident in town can attest, there is more traffic than ever passing through Grantham. Our officers have been diligent in their patrols and the numbers prove it. Needless to say, I am pleased that in the past year our department has had the ability to better enforce motor vehicle laws, and all laws, in our town.

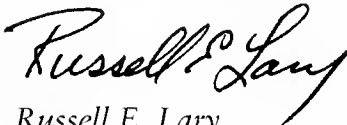
To say that the police department is looking forward to moving into the new police department is an understatement. We will have the ability to do the job of law enforcement with greater efficiency, not only because we will have more of the tools necessary to law enforcement, but because the vast improvement in our workplace environment alone will create a feeling of professionalism that has not really existed in our workplace in the past. In case you are not aware, the police department for the past 15-plus years has been operating out of a nearly windowless basement of an antique schoolhouse on Dunbar Hill Road. Without going on and on about what our working conditions have been like until now, suffice it to say that the difference between the new police department and the old is like the difference between night and day.

The most obvious improvement in the new facility will be space. Having it to work and move in. Space to store our records and supplies. Another very important plus will be improved safety, for both our employees and the general public. Having an actual sally port in which to bring a defendant,

a safe and secure booking area, and a holding cell will provide our officers and employees with a safe place to work — something we have never experienced in Grantham. There are countless other positives about the new facility.

In closing, I would like to express my thanks to the residents of Grantham for supporting the necessary growth of the police department and for voting in favor of this much needed municipal improvement in March 2004. I am especially looking forward to writing this a year from now from the new home of the Grantham Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,



Russell E. Lary
Chief of Police

POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

7/1/2004 to 6/30/05

Aggravated Assault.....	1	
Bad Checks.....	2	
Burglary/Breaking and Entering.....	3	<i>*All Other Incidents include:</i>
Counterfeiting/Forgery.....	1	Animal-related incidents
Credit Card/ATM Fraud.....	2	Assistance to the Fire Department
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism.....	14	Assistance to State Police and other police departments
Disorderly Conduct.....	3	Business/Residence Alarms
Driving Under the Influence.....	7	Civil Standbys
Drug/Narcotic Violations.....	1	Dog Control Law violations
Drunkenness.....	1	Domestic Disturbances
Embezzlement.....	1	Domestic Violence Acts
False Pretenses/Swindle.....	10	Enforcement of Protective Orders
Family Offenses – Nonviolent.....	1	Harassment
Liquor Law Violations.....	1	House Checks
Murder and Non-negligent Manslaughter.....	1	Medical/Ambulance Calls
Runaway.....	1	Motor Vehicle Accidents with property damage and/or injury
Simple Assault.....	7	Public Assists
Theft from Building.....	2	Service of Subpoenas/Protective Orders
Theft from Motor Vehicle.....	1	Town By-Law Offenses
Traffic Citations and Warnings Issued:.....	1,238	Traffic-related incidents
Trespass of Real Property.....	7	
All Other Larceny.....	7	
All Other Incidents*.....	623	
TOTAL Incidents:	1,938	

PLANNING BOARD

Site Plan Review

February | Janis Hastings | M/L 212-016 | Frye Lane | Cell Tower
March | Mr. Brad's | M/L 233-026 | Sawyer Brook Plaza, Suite 2 | Hair Salon
July | Turtle Mountain School | M/L 233-009 | 22 Willis Ave | Daycare Facility
July | Dancer's Inc. | M/L 226-020 | 151 Route 10 North | Dance Studio
August | Morey's Blue Mountain Kennel | M/L 226-017 | Shaw Brook Road
August | Grantham Indoor | M/L 226-018 | Yankee Barn Road | Restaurant
November | Field & Sons | M/L 235-030-002 | Route 114 | Garage & Sign

Boundary Line Adjustment

January | State Side Holdings, LTD & Arne Rebne | M/L 225-273, 274 | Fairway Drive
May | Wien Family Holdings & United Construction | M/L 241-007, 008 | Shedd Road
August | Wallace & UVRD LLC | M/L 216-023, 024, 025 | Miller Pond Road
December | Moulton & Gallien | M/L 211-050, 052 | Route 10 North

Subdivision

February | Heirs of Samuel Hautaniemi | M/L 233-020 | Pillsbury Road & Yankee Barn | Road | 5 lots
July | Carey | M/L 233-088-001 | Howe Hill Road | 2 lots
August | Hastings Construction | M/L 221-063 | Nightingale Lane | 2 lots
November | Nantucket Investments | M/L 227-029 | Dunbar Hill Road | 8 lots

Annexation

January | Clarkson & Roberto | M/L 234-118, 119 | Longwood Drive
January | Vogt | M/L 225-143, 144 | Moose Run
January | Campbell | M/L 215-119, 213-138 | Granite Way
February | Hill & Lemons | M/L 222-046, 047 | Fernwood Lane
May | Dore | M/L 221-065-001, 065-002 | Route 10 North
June | Low | M/L 212-042, 043 | Butternut Road
July | Link | M/L 225-149, 150 | Moose Run
August | DLD Development | M/L 213-067, 068 | Beaver Fells Glen
September | McCarthy | M/L 213-064, 065 | Beaver Fells Glen
December | Town of Grantham | M/L 233-001, 004 | Dunbar Hill Road

Building Permit Supervisor

171 Building Permits were issued for the year, which was slightly under last year's total (181). The bulk of the applications were for new homes (32) and additions (43) with renovations, garages and sheds accounting for the remainder. Certificates of Occupancy (CO) inspections have kept pace with the building activity. More than a few of these inspections have been hampered by the absence of street "number signs" on the properties. In some cases, the signage is on trees next to road, but you would never know it. In either case, just from a safety/emergency point of view, let alone CO inspections, I'd like to put in a plug for more visible number signs. Any questions or concerns on applications or our building codes, just call me at the Town Office (863-6021) or at home (863-5863). I'm glad to be of service.

*Roger Woodworth
Building Permit Supervisor*



Electrical ducts are covered with concrete.



More concrete work, including under slab plumbing, occurs in November.

UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Through UVLSRPC membership, the 27 cities and towns of the Upper Valley, Sullivan County and Lake Sunapee area strive to ensure that the growth of the region does not lower the quality of life, and that it enhances rather than threatens our healthy economy. Regional planning provides a mechanism for the communities that live and work together to collaborate on issues of common concern, such as transportation, emergency preparedness, economic development, housing and resource protection. Your community's active participation in UVLSRPC provides you with a voice in regional activities, as well as in decision making at the state level that affects the future of your community.

Each year we try to address the highest priority needs of each area of the region, while balancing the different concerns of larger and smaller communities. Some highlights of the past year:

- Worked with state agencies to ensure that the needs of our region's communities are understood and addressed. Specific activities included: Facilitated sessions for local input to State Development Plan and NH Department of Transportation's long range plan; reviewed growth for projections for state traffic model; participated in work group studying sprawl in New Hampshire and effectiveness of state smart growth policies, worked with other regions on educational material on principles of good planning for New Hampshire and legislative priorities.
- Promoted our region's priorities in development of the state's transportation improvement budgets, and assisted municipalities and public transit providers with applications for transportation grant funds.
- Represented member communities on Mount Sunapee Ski Area Advisory Committee; conducted review of expansion plans; facilitated regional discussions and opportunities for public comment.
- Completed Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for Sullivan County to increase eligibility for federal funding for economic development and infrastructure improvements. Developed GIS database of Sullivan County industrial and commerce parks. Continued to collaborate with economic development partners in Grafton County.
- Partnered with Lake Sunapee Protective Association to help communities collaborate on watershed management plan by forming Sunapee Area Watershed Coalition.
- Wrote, published and distributed "Planning for New Hampshire's Housing Needs: A Primer for Local Officials."
- Organized three hazardous waste collections in which 789 households participated to keep more than 4,000 gallons of hazardous chemicals out of the region's groundwater.
- Facilitated six roundtable discussions for municipal representatives to discuss and get advice on issues of common concern.
- Assisted 13 communities with updates of local master plans, 10 with conservation planning and 2 with capital improvement programs.

- Conducted traffic counts in 14 communities, and brought the number of communities with completed road inventories up to 16, ensuring that full state aid for maintenance is received.
- Conducted hazard mitigation planning in eight communities as required for continued eligibility for federal disaster assistance and hazard mitigation funds. Assisted four with review of National Flood Insurance Program compliance. Began assisting Sullivan County communities with process to adopt new floodplain maps to ensure residents' continued eligibility for flood insurance.
- Assisted six communities with review of proposed developments.
- Completed special projects to address local needs, including E911 readdressing in Claremont and New London Parking Study.
- Continued emphasis on informational programs and training for local officials including law lecture series and bi-monthly programs on topics such as NH Energy Policy — What It Means for Communities, Outdoor Lighting and Striking the Balance between Preservation of Rural Character and Growth – What Is the Public Interest.
- Responded to day-to-day requests from local board members and staff for guidance on, for example, subdivision review process, earth excavation regulations, growth management, impact fees, development on unmaintained roads, regulation of accessory apartments and buildings, and emergency zoning.
- Provided technical assistance to regional partner associations, for example, Advance Transit, Community Transportation Services, Upper Valley Transportation Management Association, Connecticut River Joint Commissions, Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Committee, Lake Sunapee Protective Association, Cold River Local Advisory Committee and Upper Valley Land Trust.
- Maintained Web site — www.uvlsrc.org — to share information on planning issues and events, and kept library current with the latest technical guidance, planning literature and sample regulations; responded to numerous requests for information from local officials, businesses, residents, libraries, school districts and other area organizations.
- Participated in professional development activities to ensure planning staff stays up to date on best practices, emerging topics, GIS and changes in New Hampshire land use law and federal funding programs of benefit to communities.

We appreciate the high level of participation and support we receive from our communities, and look forward to continuing to serve the needs of the region in the coming year. We count on feedback from the commissioners appointed by each community, as well as local officials and residents, to ensure that our work program focuses on regional issues of the highest priority to you. Please feel free to contact us at (603) 448-1680 or e-mail me at tbamford@uvlsrc.org to share your thoughts.

Tara E. Bamford
Executive Director

MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE

The Master Plan Committee, a temporary subcommittee of the Planning Board, came into being in February 2003 and was charged with producing a Draft Master Plan for Grantham. The Planning Board is responsible for considering the draft, receiving public input, revising the draft as needed and then adopting the document as the town's operative Master Plan. The Master Plan presents the town's vision of itself for the future; this vision is carried out in a variety of ways, principally via Grantham's Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations and Site Plan Review Regulations.

Soon after the 2004-2005 reporting year began, the Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) provided preliminary drafts of the "Build-Out Analysis" for the town, delineating the remaining areas of Grantham that could support development and providing quantitative data regarding the potential number of new housing units and the associated population increase that would result. A few administrative and presentation issues, delaying the expected final version of the study, were addressed over the following months. The completed study was delivered in January 2005.

Throughout the period from November 2004 to June 2005, a succession of draft versions of the Master Plan was prepared, studied and revised by the membership of the committee. A major recommendation present in the early drafts of the Master Plan was proposed by the Planning Board and was adopted by the voters at the 2005 Town Meeting. This was the establishment of the "Forest Lands and Conservation District" as part of the Grantham Zoning Ordinance. With the adoption of that new district, the proposal for this action was deleted from subsequent drafts of the Master Plan.

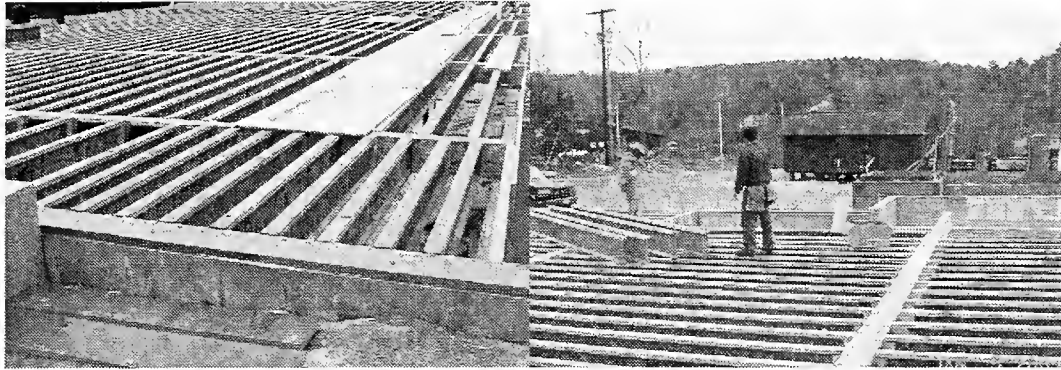
Early in May 2005 the Master Plan Committee met jointly with the Planning Board to review what was then the latest draft version of the plan. In general, the draft was favorably endorsed by the Planning Board. Relatively few but valuable additions/revisions were made as a result of the meeting. A final version of the Draft Master Plan, ready to present to the public at a formal public hearing, was prepared soon thereafter.

At the reporting year's end, the required public hearing on the proposed Draft Master Plan was scheduled for July 12, 2005.

There seems little need for townspeople to wait until the 2006 Town Report to learn the current state of Grantham's Master Plan. The July 2005 public hearing was well attended and resulted in many valuable comments from citizens. These comments were condensed into three subject areas needing addition, revision or better explanation than had been present in the draft plan as presented at the hearing. These changes were made and incorporated into a new final copy, and the Planning Board then adopted the draft as the operative Master Plan for Grantham at its meeting of September 1, 2005. Bound and printed copies of the document have been available at the Town Office since November 2005, and the Master Plan is (or will be) available on the Grantham Web site.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kristina Burgard, Conrad Frey, Larry Fuller, Connie Howard,
Pat Short, Jeremy Turner, Fred Vogt, Kevin Carey, Chair*



S. J. Hastings Construction personnel are framing — the process of erecting a framed structure out of wood — the Town Office on Christmas Eve. Framing continues into January.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment decided on seven applications and advised on two potential applications during the past fiscal year. The application receiving most attention was installation of a cellular telecommunications tower in North Grantham near the Interstate 89. This application was reviewed over a span of four months and required three meetings before the application requiring four variances and a special exception review was passed. This will be the fourth tower to be built in Grantham and should permit ample coverage through most of the town.

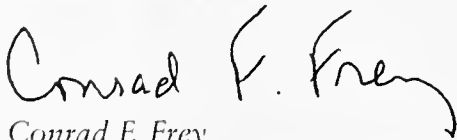
Five of the remaining six applications for variance or special exception review were passed. One application to start a business in the Rural/Residential District was denied. The owner of a nongrandfathered business presently in the Rural/Residential District requested a review of his nonconformance and was told that he should apply to the Zoning Board for a variance.

A grandfathered business in the Rural/Residential District was granted permission to expand their business as this particular parcel was partially surrounded by flood plain and the Business/Industrial District. The effect on the neighborhood by the present business and its expansion was considered to be nil.

Perhaps the greatest effort was in the ongoing work to overhaul the Town's Zoning Ordinance. This was a continuance of the work started in the prior fiscal year and resulted in eight warrant articles for amendment being passed at the March 2005 Town Meeting. Amendments to be proposed at the next Town Meeting to further update the ordinance as well as following up on the recommendations in the Town Master Plan were started in April.

I would like to express my appreciation to my colleagues on the Board for their insightful and conscientious work they have performed. As ever, the entire Board and I would like to thank Sarah Barton for the smooth and excellent work she performs to keep the Board functioning efficiently.

Respectfully submitted,



Conrad F. Frey
Chairman, Zoning Board of Adjustment



Walls go up.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Grantham Conservation Commission has had another busy year. Although building has slowed in the Eastman area, other sections of the town have seen accelerated rates of growth. The Miller Pond area, Olde Farms and Route 114 have had new homes added. With these homes have come wetlands issues to be addressed and resolved.

We have also been called upon to conduct investigations of complaints where there have suspected violation of the rules. In three cases, the findings were sufficient to warrant referral to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) for action.

The major achievement for the commission has been the perambulations of the town boundaries with representatives of the three neighbor towns: Plainfield, Enfield and Springfield. This achievement would have not been possible without the outstanding efforts of Andy Eastman. He did much of the legwork, including hours of map work and several forays into the field to find missing markers that the teams could not locate. This made the perambulations possible in the beginning and successful in the end.

These perambulations began in October with a climb up Croydon peak within Corbin Park on a day when the temperature climbed to 80 degrees. Our reward for this straining task was a breathtaking view of Grantham from the mountaintop and the successful finding of the marker that resides just a short distance from the ledge where we viewed the town from on high.

Additional perambulations took us around the town. All but two of the markers have been located. One resides in Corbin Park and marks the Plainfield corner point. Plans have been made to visit the park next spring — once the snow is gone and the hunting in the park has slowed — to find the marker. The second marker is somewhat of a mystery. This perambulation featured the use of GPS and prior experience to find the markers. In spite of the help provided by technology and experienced eyeballs, one marker has, so far, eluded us. The reports on the perambulation with Springfield, Croydon and Enfield have been completed and are ready for signature by the parties involved. Hopefully in seven years when the next perambulation takes place, the means of finding the markers will have been streamlined by our efforts.

The Grantham Conservation Commission added two new members this year. Jeremy Turner, a previous member who left town, has returned and rejoined the commission. As a registered forester, Jeremy brings a valued viewpoint to the commission. Pat Woolson also joined the commission. Her experience with water quality issues and plants will be a big help in identifying problems with the protected lakes and ponds in Grantham.

The commission is looking forward to the completion of the new town hall. With the meeting rooms and ample space for the record storage, the commission will be able to centralize its files and efficiently conduct its business.

*Respectfully submitted,
Richard Hocker (chair), Patricia Short, Andy Eastman,
Adele Furdyna, Jeremy Turner and Patricia Woolson
The Grantham Conservation Commission members*

DUNBAR FREE LIBRARY

During fiscal year 2005, the library continued to be open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m. to noon; and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. — a total of 36 hours. The library has remained closed on Tuesdays and Sundays. At the conclusion of fiscal year 2005, the library had 1,972 registered borrowers. This was a 10 percent increase from 2004. At the same time, the number of nonresident borrowers increased by one to 32.

Circulation has risen 6 percent from last year with 45,476 items being borrowed in 2005. Between July 2004 and June 2005, 26,571 people visited the library. This was 30 percent more than 2004, but the difference may lie in part to the new door counter technology. In 2005, 25,941 adult items and 19,565 children's items, including 621 young adult items, were checked out of the library. Due in part to active book clubs in Grantham, Joey has been kept very busy lending and borrowing books from libraries all over New Hampshire. The Dunbar Free Library requested 639 books from other libraries (an increase of 4 percent) and loaned out 587 items.

The collection of items in the library grows and changes every year. In 2005, 1428 books, 191 videos (VHS and DVD), and 165 audio books (cassette and CD) were added to the collection. As items are added, we need to remove items from the collection. Weeding of unused and outdated materials happens on a regular basis. The total collection numbered 21,058 items at the end of 2005. The Friends of the Dunbar Free Library primarily supported the growth of the DVD collection to 147 titles.

During the 2005 the public computer terminals remain popular. The computers were used 1,105 times this year, averaging a little over 21 computer users each week. Similar to past years, the summer months proved to be the busiest: In August 2004, 202 people signed in.

In 2005 the library offered programs for all ages. Joel and Ada Getman hosted one more Bookmunchers' Café program for grades 3-4. Carla Boyington continued to have Storytime on Wednesday mornings for the preschoolers in the area. The attendance for this program totaled 1,278 parents and toddlers (an increase of 16 percent). Susan Wren and Katrina McCurley coordinated the 2004 Summer Reading Program featuring the theme "Check out a Hero!" There were 45 children enrolled and attending weekly programs. Local firefighters came and demonstrated their important role. Unlikely heroes such as Captain Underpants and Sarah Hale, the woman who saved Thanksgiving, were discussed. Martha Dana (puppeteer) attracted a crowd and was paid in part by a grant from the New Hampshire State Library, and musician and storyteller Jon Porcino brought an audience of 150 to the backyard.

For adults, classes continue to be offered, mostly on demand, for using the Internet, and the Friends sponsored a program on ILEAD (the Institute of Lifelong Education at Dartmouth) in May.

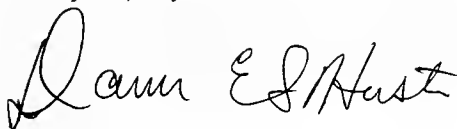
The library had 38 volunteers who generously gave their time during this fiscal year. Volunteers work the circulation desk, process, shelve and repair books, audio books and movies. Volunteers contribute to programs, process the magazines and tend the gardens. The exhibits in the display case and artwork from the Artists in the Barn are always on display, thanks to volunteers and the community members who contribute those items that are shown. It isn't saying too much to say the library couldn't operate without these people who give their time and energy.

The Friends of the Dunbar Library continue to contribute to the library in numerous ways. This year's fundraisers included a book sale, The Hummingbird Hill Trio concert and a cookie walk. In addition to these events the friends continue to sell library logo mugs and tote bags to support the library. Among the items the Friends purchased this year were passes to the Currier Museum of Art, the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum and the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium; all passes are available to be checked out and used at these institutions for admission. The Friends regularly support special programs, the DVD collection, continue to sponsor all children's programs and the children's Give-A-Book program. Many Friends participate in the theatrical production "Off-Off-Off Broadway" which donates a portion of its proceeds to the Library.

Carla Boyington was the library director at Dunbar Free Library from June 2002 until August 2005. In her tenure, circulation increased almost 40 percent, and the number of registered borrowers increased by more than 40 percent. Programs for adults and older children were instituted and actively attended, craft activities abounded and story time became too large for one session in our children's room. Carla has moved on to another position and we wish her well.

And last, but not least, it is necessary to thank the people and the town of Grantham for its support. This is a wonderful library because of the participation and the support of the town and all its inhabitants.

Respectfully submitted,



Dawn E.S. Huston

Dunbar Free Library Treasurer's Report July 2004 – June 2005

Income	\$139.66
Expense	\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$9,345.45

Savings Accounts

	Ending Balance
Fines and Lost books	\$4,264.01
Special Account	\$13,985.24
Joyce S. Andrews Memorial Flower Acct.	\$2,378.93
Building Account	\$2,888.99

Jefferson Pilot Financial

(U.S. Treasury Bonds with accrued interest)	
Current Market Value	\$53,987.97

Dunbar Free Library Operating Budget July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005

Budget	\$98,604.00
Expenditures	\$100,027.00
Remainder	(\$1,423.00)

Respectfully submitted,
John B. Trethaway, Treasurer

DUNBAR FREE LIBRARY TRUSTEES REPORT

The Dunbar Free Library Board of Trustees has remained unchanged since last year: Donald Kreis (trustee), Hope Miller (chairperson), Patrick O'Bryan (secretary), Donna Stamper (trustee) and John Trethaway (treasurer). We want to recognize board members who elected to continue working past one term in office (Hope Miller, John Trethaway and Donna Stamper).

It was with deep regret that we accepted the resignation of Carla Boyington who had spent three years in the position of librarian/director of our library. During her tenure Carla reached out to all segments of the community. She offered a wide variety of programs to entice new patrons and to keep regular patrons returning. We wish her well in her new position as an elementary school librarian in the Fall Mountain school district.

During the search for a new librarian/director, we received a number of resumes from all over the country, and all over the state of New Hampshire. We interviewed four candidates, and one stood out clearly as a good match for our library and community. We welcome Dawn Huston as our new librarian/director and know that her professional skills will benefit everyone who utilizes the library.

As in the past, one focus of the board is to update and/or create policy. A recent change, an increase in the borrowing periods of some items while also increasing the overdue fine amount, has attracted much attention. In response to the busy lifestyle of most people, it was felt that an extension of the borrowing period might be in order. At the same time, we realized that the overdue fine amount of 10 cents a day had not been increased for more than a decade, so that was increased to 20 cents a day. By making the changes at the same time, fines wouldn't begin to accrue until after a three-week time period. We'll give the updated policy a fair trial period and then reevaluate its effectiveness.

We encourage everyone in our community to take advantage of the varied resources and programming available at the Dunbar Free Library. If you are new to Grantham or haven't yet stopped in, please take a little time and visit. It's a wonderful place to find recreational reading materials and information in print and electronic formats.

Board members would like to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge the dedicated work of our staff, volunteers, Sarah and Tina at the Town Office and Friends of the Library. We thank each and every person for his or her efforts in making 2004-2005 another successful year at the Dunbar Free Library.

Hope Miller, Donna Stamper, John Trethaway, Patrick O'Bryan and Donald Kreis

HEALTH OFFICER

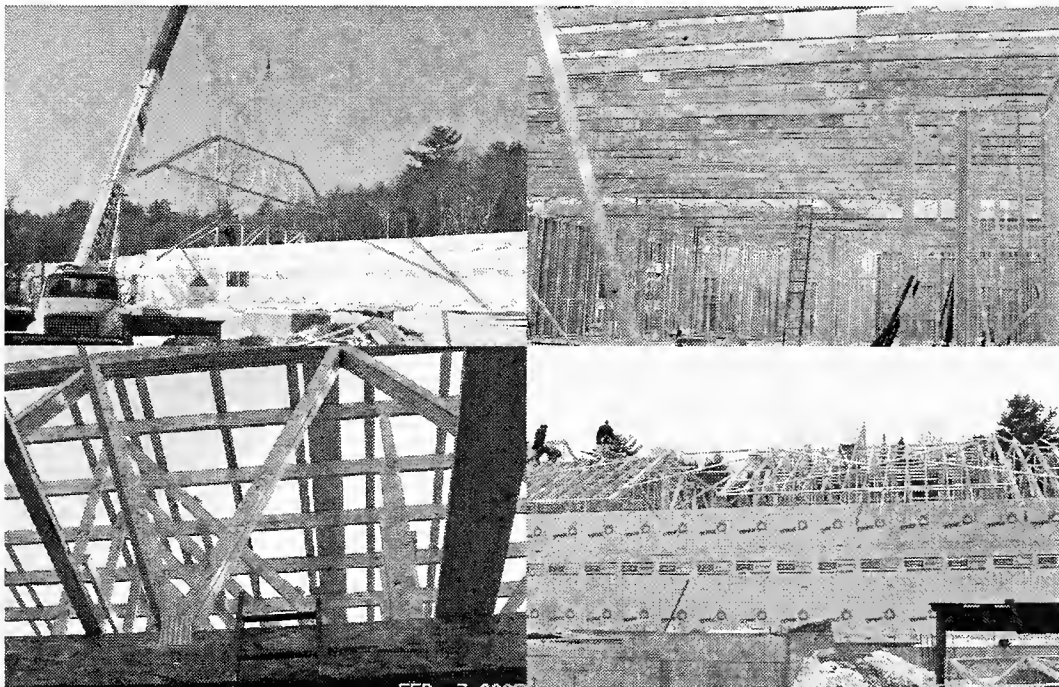
From a health and safety standpoint this has been, thankfully, a relatively uneventful year for Grantham. Activity for myself and Deputy Health Officer Charles McCarthy has been limited chiefly to inspections of various facilities such as rental houses, foster homes and day care centers, for conformity with the requirements to safeguard the well being of children and tenants. Situations involving improper sewage and waste disposal, which would contaminate adjacent land or water bodies, have been investigated and corrective action instituted.

Our other main concern has been remaining current and well informed regarding possible threats to the health and well being of the community which are at present on the distant horizon, and making sure that plans are in place for dealing with them should they appear. We have remained in contact with the state agencies concerned with such problems as air and water contamination, and dealing with epidemic diseases such as Avian Flu and West Nile Virus should they encroach upon our area. We have attended meetings and seminars dealing with the public health measures which it might be necessary to employ if an immediate threat appeared, and what preventive steps, such as the mechanics of prevention by immunization of the population and prevention of spread by quarantine measures, should such become necessary.

Such concerns remain in the planning stage only, and we hope that they are never to be needed in actuality, but it is some comfort to know that they do exist and that someone in authority is thinking about them. For the present we may continue be thankful for our continued good fortune to remain a healthy and happy community in Grantham, and trust that we will remain that way.



David A. Frucht, MD



Roof trusses are set and the roof is added.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

What a difference a year makes! As we all look back over the past year we can all see how our personal lives have changed and changes that have taken place. For me I did not have the time to put the effort into the position of your Emergency Management Director for the Town of Grantham. Because of major surgery last November and other changes I was not able to do this job effectively. For this coming year of 2006 I will better serve the Town of Grantham in this position.

One word can best describe the changes we have seen over the past year — weather. It makes us better understand the need for being prepared, trained with equipment and plans to act for the safety and welfare of all the residents of Grantham.

Route 10 runs through the heart of Grantham. Get on Route 10 and head south approximately 35 to 40 miles and you'll find a side road on the right that takes you to Alstead, N.H. On October 9, 2005, the Town of Alstead felt the devastating flood that killed six people in Alstead and nearby towns. It destroyed or damaged over 26 houses, 100 cars and trucks and even a cement building. When water backed up behind a 10-foot culvert — which was 45 feet below grade — because of heavy rain, it covered about 55 acres of water. When it let go, a 45-foot of head water headed to town five miles away. Some areas where only small streams ran were washed out to 300 to 400 feet wide and 30 to 40 feet deep. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the families in this town and across the country and world who were faced with the forces of Mother Nature.

A couple of years ago, I spoke at town meeting about a book called, *It's a Disaster!... and What Are YOU Gonna Do About It?* We only had a few requests for it. Don't become complacent or fooled by the statement, "Oh, don't worry, the state will take care of it!" Remember you don't have to be lucky once — you have to be lucky always. I have available a personal security, planning and information handbook published by the NH Department of Safety, FREE. Give me a call at 863-1873 and I'll see that you get a copy. It talks about:

- Home and family security
- Preparing for and responding to an emergency
- Building and office security
- The Terrorist Threat: What it means to you
- Workplace Violence: Are you at risk?
- Travel security

With the completion of the new town building all the people who serve Grantham are better equipped to do their jobs. Our thanks to the building committee and all who made this project a reality.

In May I received the new digital portable radio, which was funded by grant money to the town. The state of the art radio and other equipment purchased through Homeland I and Homeland II will be evident when an open house is being planned for all the residents of Grantham to see the Sullivan County Mobil Command Center and how it is equipped.

With the advent of the avian flu looming, surrounding towns and Grantham are organizing to plan for major health emergencies imparting our region to protect our citizens.

It doesn't matter what road you live on, what hill, Eastman or Olde Farms — we all live in Grantham. We *are* Grantham. In the coming year we will be faced with growth problems with proposals of additional housing and will have a major impact on the services that the town will be required to support. Don't be afraid to get involved or feel what impact can I make or one individual on the future of Grantham. Each person reading this town report needs to make that decision. Do I want to get involved?

As always, my sincere thanks to NH Office of Emergency Management Representative Pete Petschik, Tina Stearns, Sarah Barton and the Board of Selectmen for all their help over the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
F. Robert Osgood
Emergency Management Director



The Beaulieus and Paul Osgood install radiant heat in the basement, then pour the interior concrete slab over it.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department had another record year with 138 calls in 2004-05. Winter continues to be our busy time of the year. Emergencies related to slippery road conditions and the use of wood burning appliances for heating make up the majority of our winter season calls. Please take extra care when driving in poor weather conditions, and Always Wear Your Seatbelt. Maintain your wood burning appliance, have the chimney cleaned on a regular basis and keep combustible materials away from the appliance when in operation.

The following is the breakdown for calls between July 2004 and June 2005:

30 – Fires	July 2004	10	January 2005	23
35 – Vehicle accident	August	7	February	19
33 – False alarm	September	8	March	20
4 – Rescue	October	5	April	11
23 – Service call	November	12	May	7
4 – Medical assist	December	11	June	5
6 – Carbon monoxide, smoke or odor call				
3 – Hazardous condition				

Training is an important part of being a volunteer on the Fire Department. Familiarization with the equipment and practicing different emergency scenarios help us to be ready in the event a serious emergency arises.

If you've ever considered volunteering to help your community the Fire Department may be what you're looking for. We are always looking for new members, if you're interested in joining the Fire Department please feel free to stop by the station and talk with a member. You may also call the Fire Department at 863-5710 or e-mail us at FireDept@granthamnh.net

Remember to put fresh batteries in your smoke and CO detectors.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Demers

Fire Chief

Current active members and years of service:

Barry Sleath	2	Michael Durkin	3
Christopher Palermo, Captain	16	Michael Palermo	17
David Beckley	3	Richard Coville	2
Donald Barton	33	Robert Seavey, Captain	17
Douglass Demers, Chief	10	Robin Palermo	13
Francis Mutney	31	Rosie Bard	15
James Palermo	17	Ryan Gallien	2
Jeremiah Fountain	10	Stephen Palermo, Lieutenant	10
Joseph Banville	2	Steve Haselton, Lieutenant	6
Justin Hastings	5	Wayne Small	2
Michael Benoit, Deputy Chief	28	William Follensbee	3

FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local forest fire warden, fire department and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. A fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow.

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at (800) 498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information, please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2217 or online at www.nhdf.org

Fire activity was high during the first several weeks of the 2005 fire season with red-flag conditions issues by the National Weather Services and extreme fire danger in the southern and central portions of the state. This period of increased initial attack activity prompted a five-day ban on open burning, the first such ban in several years.

Despite the dry conditions, the state's largest wildland fire was contained at 29 acres. Our statewide system of fire lookout towers is credited with keeping the fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Fires in the wildland/urban interface damaged 10 structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutter clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's forest rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2005 Fire Statistics Causes of Fires Reported

Arson	2	Railroad	1
Campfire	34	Equipment	7
Children	29	Lightning	5
Smoking	40	Miscellaneous*	111
Debris	284		

* Power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.

	Total Fires	Total Acres
2005	513	174
2004	482	147
2003	374	100
2002	540	187

Only you can prevent wildland fire

F.A.S.T. SQUAD



The Grantham F.A.S.T. squad (first aid stabilization team) is an all-volunteer, nontransport agency of state certified medical personnel who serve the town of Grantham and exist and function as part of the Grantham Fire Department.

Call Statistics

The Grantham F.A.S.T. responded to 147 calls from July 2004 through June 2005. This continues a trend of a small, but steady increase in call volume over the last four (or more) years. The following is a general break down of those calls.

Medical	62	Motor Vehicle Accident	42
Trauma	19	Cardiac	5
Lift Assist	2	Behavioral	6
Support of Fire Dept.	5	Medical Alarm	3
Mutual Aid	1	Carbon Monoxide	2

Membership

Our membership and squad officers are as follows:

Stuart Gillespie	EMT-I, Coordinator
Jeff Figley	EMT-I, Asst. Coordinator
Susan Figley	EMT-I, Secretary
Jane Chipman	EMT-I, Treasurer
Jay Fountain	EMT-B
Bruce Chipman	EMT-B
Nancy Banville	FR
William Roy	Apprentice



In addition, the following are part-time members who are currently out of the area as full time students but maintain their full affiliation with the squad and still help out when they are in town.

Jill Davis	EMT-P
Daniel Casella	EMT-B
Morgan Figley	EMT-B

Jill is just starting her first year of medical school and Dan is now in his second year. Morgan continues her work toward an undergraduate degree.

Both Jay and Bruce have successfully completed an EMT Intermediate class at New London Hospital and will be taking the Nation Registry Exam soon. Wish them luck! Continued education and providing the most advanced care possible is a priority of the squad and its members. Several of our membership holds advanced certifications in Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) and Pediatric Education for Prehospital Professionals (PEPP). We also have four members that are actively involved in the districts training programs and are certified evaluators for the state's EMT practical examination. We even have our own certified CPR instructor.

The Squad is committed to serving our community beyond responding to 9-1-1 calls. This past year we provided medical standby support for the Blue Mountain SnowDusters' Radar Run and the UVHS Triathlon at Eastman.

Grantham F.A.S.T is an active participant in the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee EMS Region and the New London EMS district C-5. Our Medical Resource Hospital for providing Medical Control is New London Hospital, and our primary patient transport agency is New London Ambulance Service.

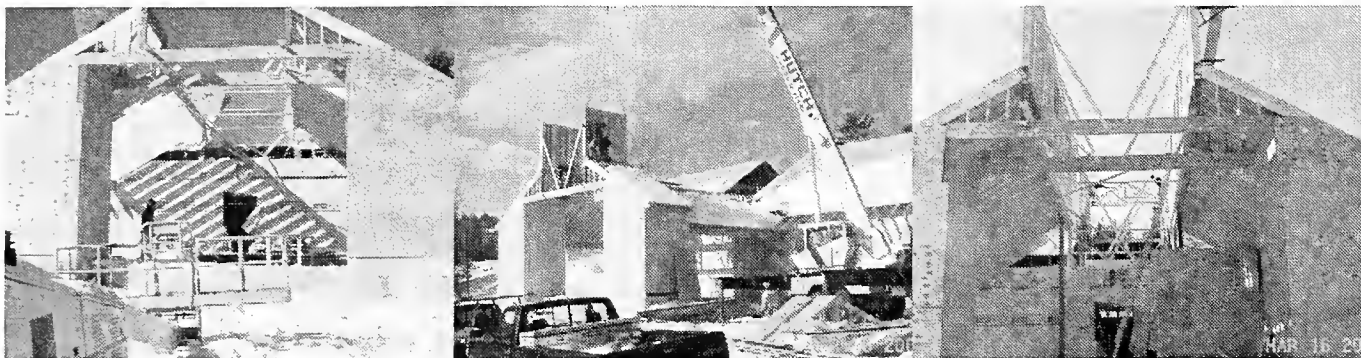
If you have any interest joining or learning about the squad, we are always looking for new volunteers. Please feel free to speak to one of the members, visit our new Web site (which you can reach through the town's site www.granthamnh.net), e-mail one of us or just stop by at one of our monthly meetings. These are held on the third Sunday of each month at 6 p.m.

We, as a squad, would like to thank the people of Grantham and our town officials for their continued support and wish you all a safe and healthy 2006.

*Respectfully submitted,
Stuart Gillespie,
Coordinator*



Some of the lines of construction: Roofing, ceilings and piping.



The entryway is added.

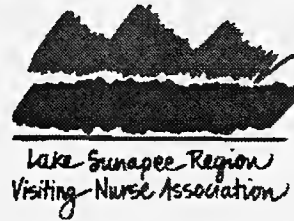


An inside view of entryway construction.



An outside view of entryway construction. The Town of Grantham sign was added in May, 2005.

LAKE SUNAPEE REGION VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION



Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association (LSRVNA) is proud to provide home health, hospice and community services to residents of the town of Grantham, a member town since 1987. We are committed to being able to meet the health care needs of residents of your community to the best of our ability. During the past year, 893 home care and 301 hospice visits were made to adults and children needing skilled home health services. More than 1,388 hours of support services were provided for those with long-term care needs. Seventeen residents used our Lifeline program and 10 individuals had their health status monitored daily using our telemedicine technology. Other services utilized include caregiver training and support, bereavement support, parent child program and prevention and wellness services including screening clinics, foot care clinics and immunization clinics.

Our mission remains at the heart of our care. LSRVNA provides many services that are integral to our mission but which are not reimbursed and are often provided at minimal or no cost. These include support groups (bereavement, caregiver, parent/child), community education, certain hospice services, telemonitoring of patient health status, clinics, health fairs and more.

Cost saving and efficiency measures are constantly explored. We believe that innovation is essential for a strong future. Thoughtful hiring and cross training of staff, a growing volunteer base and use of telemedicine and other technology like laptop computers for clinical staff are key to controlling costs. Our costs per episode of care are among the lowest in our region. We now have five years of experience in utilizing telemedicine. This tool helps us encourage patients and families to take an active role in managing their illness, reduce unplanned emergent visits to the hospital, schedule nursing visits with greater efficiency and communicate useful trended data to physicians for improved disease management. LSRVNA's rate of unplanned hospitalization is 31 percent below the state average, and 21 percent below the national average. We know that it's important to you as a patient and consumer to manage your illnesses and avoid emergency situations that put you at increased risk.

Staff competence is highly valued and LSRVNA annually invests in education of staff to ensure their skills will meet our patients' needs. We have more than 130 staff and more than 70 active volunteers. Nurses are certified in areas like wound care, hospice and palliative care, and advance care planning. Others specialize in cardiac care, diabetes, bereavement care and nutrition. Longevity of VNA staff means continuity of care for our patients. Twenty percent of the staff has worked for the VNA for more than 10 years, with the average length of employment at over six years.

Lake Sunapee Region VNA depends on support from our communities. Funds appropriated by the towns help us to care for more patients in the face of declining reimbursement and increasing costs. About 65 percent of our revenue comes from Medicare and Medicaid. Medicaid reimburses about 60 percent of what it costs us to care for a patient; and does not reimburse at all for mileage, care coordination or travel time. Our staff travels about 400,000 miles a year. In 2006, we expect the burden

of high prices of gasoline alone to add as much as \$32,000 in expense to our budget for mileage. Other challenges include a growing and aging New Hampshire population, nursing and therapy shortages, costly federal regulatory requirements, increasing fixed costs such as health care and other insurance and high costs of technology upgrades.

When you, your family or neighbors need home care or hospice services, it is your right to choose the agency that provides that care. We are fortunate to have a strong base of support from towns, businesses and individuals, and will strive to maintain our reputation in the community as an agency that is responsive, innovative, caring and worthy of your choice. Town support helps us maintain our commitment to our patients and the greater community to provide the care that you expect and deserve. Thank you for your confidence in our organization.

*Sincerely,
Andrea Steel
President and CEO*



Dividing the inside into offices, wall frame by wall frame.

SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY SERVICE



Southwestern Community Services, Inc. (SCS) would like to sincerely thank the citizens of Grantham who have been such excellent partners to us in our efforts to serve those families who are in time of need.

Over the years, we have joined together with the town's representatives to deliver a multitude of human services. This year they include, but are not limited to, Head Start, fuel assistance, WIC, homeless services and housing.

All told, the services this year total in excess of \$16,900, and we have served 84 residents of Grantham. It is through the generosity of communities such as yours that SCS is able to pursue the funds necessary to accomplish this.

We look forward to a long and continued good relationship with the people of Grantham, and we extend an invitation to anyone interested to stop by our offices and further discuss the services that we are able to offer.

Sincerely,

*David W. Osgood
Deputy Director*



Pictures of the almost finished Town Office in January 2006

KEARSARGE AREA COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.

Since its beginning in 1992, the mission of the Kearsarge Council on Aging, Inc. (COA) has been to serve our nine communities by organizing volunteers to provide needed services, recreational opportunities and entertainment to those 55 years and older.

In the 13 years since its inception, COA has neither ask for nor received federal or state funds for the services it provides to Andover, Danbury, Grantham, Newbury, New London, Sunapee, Springfield, Sutton and Wilmot. We are grateful for the annual appropriations we receive from each of the towns that we serve. The balance of the operating expenses for maintaining and staffing our year-round center on Pleasant Street in New London is covered by donations from individuals and businesses who recognize the ever growing need for the services we offer. COA does not require dues or fees for any of the more than 25 ongoing programs, with the exception of cost recovery for day or overnight trips.

What many of us consider our most important service is providing door-to-door transportation for those unable to drive. Our volunteer drivers clocked 57,317 miles last year — 176 miles for Grantham residents — delivering them to medical appointments as far away as Lebanon or Concord. In addition, appreciating the quality of life that is important for good health, COA provides transportation for grocery shopping, hair appointments, visits with friends and programs at the center. Friendly help is just a phone call away between 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. Most of our drivers are also seniors so there is always room for new volunteers to assure rides for anyone who needs one.

Though it may be hard to believe, the first of the “baby boomers” are now classified as “seniors.” We know, and they know, that 55 is just a number and senior is just a word. Given good health, Act II can be more stimulating, less stressful and perhaps more fun than Act I. The need for the services and the social interaction offered by COA will only grow as the boomers and their parents live longer and healthier lives, and find the charms of New Hampshire irresistible in spite of black flies, January and mud season.

We thank all of our supporters — towns, individuals and businesses — and we hope that anyone with suggestions of program will present them to us. COA works in conjunction with all of the other service agencies in the area to improve the quality of life for everyone.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Andrews
Chairman

GRANTHAM COMMUNITY CRISIS FUND

"Neighbor Helping Neighbor"

The Grantham Community Crisis Fund was able to be active in the Grantham community again in the year of 2005 granting requests of \$10,000. Because we have not fundraised in a couple of years we did so in December and, at the time of this printing, we have raised over \$3,000. We were very grateful to receive gifts from the Eastmanaires (the Off-Off Broadway Players, the Ice Out Fund), the Eastman Recreation Department, The Sunshine Quilters Guild and many individual donors. These gifts make our ability to help Grantham residents much more successful. Many people have helped our organization by giving of time and materials to us and we would like to thank the Town of Grantham and the Grantham Village School for their assistance.

The Grantham Community Crisis Fund has been effective for 10 years now and we would like to reintroduce ourselves to the townspeople of Grantham, in case some may not know about us. We are a nonprofit organization created to assist families or individuals that live in Grantham. Our assistance is not a long-term solution to problems, but a quick fix for an emergency. We are strictly confidential in all aspects of assistance, and each individual member can be contacted for help.

We are now chaired by Deborah Cheever who was voted to replace Sheara Bailey who moved to Concord. We also have a new treasurer, Terry Dorr, who came on the board in October 2005. Piper Scalabrin remains as our school contact and Arthur Lotz is our Eastman contact. Our tax ID # is 5914-05915 and our phone numbers are:

Deborah Cheever	863-5946
Cindy Towle	863-3156
Arthur Lotz	863-9745
Piper Scalabrin	863-7689
Terry Dorr	863-4028

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy Towle
Secretary for the Grantham Community Crisis Fund

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Soccer

Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grade – Coach Laura Turner

The Grantham fall soccer program for Kindergarten through grade 2 was a huge success at Grantham Village School again. This year's program continues to grow and, this fall, 58 children signed up to play soccer. In spite of intermittent rain and snow, excellent attendance was achieved throughout the five-week program and much fun was had. Great playing, everyone! Many thanks to the wonderful group of parent coaches who volunteered their time and expertise. The kinders were coached by Jenn Chickering, Heather Grohbrugge and Jerry Bieszczad; the first graders by Bitler and Sarah Robbins; and the second graders by Laura T. Epstein, Keith Grohbrugge and David Hogsett. The focus was introducing basic soccer skills through games, drills and scrimmages. The season ended with scrimmaging and a pizza party.

3rd and 4th Grade – Coach Keith Filiault

The 3/4 soccer teams were taught all the positions on the soccer field and how to dribble, pass and throw ins. They also played games against Plainfield Recreation. There were 38 kids that played at this level.

5th and 6th Grade

This year the 5/6 soccer did not have a team. Only five children signed up. Hopefully with the numbers in the 3/4 and K-2 grades, this will not happen in 2006.

Basketball

1st and 2nd Grade – Coach Erin Cartier and Robert Germana

The 1/2 team is all about getting on the basketball court and learning how to dribble, pass, shoot and what all the lines on the court mean. With 8-foot baskets the kids could make more of the shots they take. Thank you to all the parents that helped out.

3rd and 4th Grade Girls – Coach Lorie McClory

Basketball for this group continued to be very populated. The 2004-05 squad had 15 girls! We broke them up into two teams with some girls playing two games in one day to make sure we had enough players. Sonja Anderson and Lorie McClory continued to teach the basics — dribbling, passing, shooting — but added a few plays to keep the more skilled girls interested. We played games against three Indian River teams, and teams that participated in the Hanover and Claremont tournaments. Team members included fourth graders Nikayla Cartier, Erin McClory, Liane Holdowsky, Haley Jones, Sarah Henry, Brooke Morgan and Phoebe Buckman, and third graders Rebecca Holdowsky, Anna Hurst, Elise Watt, Rachel Berg, Nicole Barton, Gergana Altevea and Abby Smith.

3rd and 4th Grade Boys – Coaches Gary Broughall, Keith and Chris Matte

What an outstanding team this year! The boys all worked hard to learn all the aspects of the game of basketball. At the end of the season the team pulled out 11 wins and 2 losses for a season record. Defense was our strong point again this year (very important). The Hanover Tournament this year we took two teams, one in the upper bracket and one in the lower bracket. Both teams played hard

with the upper bracket team winning the championship. Vincent Guerin and Nick Shepherd — working the “Give and Go” to perfection — helped our team get off to a good start in the championship game versus a very strong St. Johnsbury team. The game was played very well by both teams and, with 7 seconds left in the game, Grantham was down by 2 points. Grantham had the ball in the backcourt, Jake Mellish got the ball, dribbled the ball up the court and drove to the hoop making the lay-up to tie the game, and he was fouled. He went to the foul shooting line and made the foul shot to give Grantham a 1 point win in the championship game! The game was one of the best I have seen at the 3/4 level. Congratulations to all the boys!

All tournament selections:

Vincent Guerin, M.V.P

Nick Shepherd, All Tourney

Jeff Purdy, All Tourney

Thanks to all the parents for getting the boys to practices and games. And thank you to the Grantham residents for their support.

5th and 6th Grade Girls – Coaches Jim Broughton and Robert Germana

This year was another big turnout for the 5/6 girls team with many 6th graders on the team. The girls improved on their skills throughout the season. Good luck to all the 6th grade girls that will go to Lebanon Junior High next year. Keep playing hard!

5th and 6th Grade Boys – Coaches Rob Watt, Leo Wallin and Spencer Craig

The boys worked hard on enhancing their skills this year. Charlie Watt and Dalton Covell led the way all season. We could have won more games but our better players gave up the ball to get other players a chance to score. Thanks to a great season.

Congratulations

Andrew Googins (Googs) and Katie Broughall for competing in the Elk’s National Hoop Shoot Contest. They both made it to the state finals. Andrew made 23 shots out of 30 (after shoot out to break tie) ending up in third place in the State of New Hampshire in his age group. Katie made 20 shots out of 25 ending up in second place in the state of New Hampshire in her age group.

Baseball

T-Ball – Coach Todd French

The kids learned how the game of baseball is played. The coaches and parents helped the kids throughout the season learn positions in the field, how to run the bases and hit off the “T.” Live pitching was done as well. Nice job by all involved. The season went extra long this year. Thanks to the coach and parents — the kids loved it!

Farm Team – Coach Todd Cartier

Wow! What a great season! Not only did the kids learn how to hit a ball and play individual positions but they also progressed as a team, making some very impressive plays. The future for Grantham ball players looks very bright. I would like to thank Shawn Sleeper, Jim Broughton, Rick Anderson and all the parents that helped out. Thank you all very much. I couldn’t have done it without you. Also, I would like to thank Grantham Dunkin’ Donuts for sponsoring us and buying our team shirts.

Farm Team – Coaches Keith and Chris Matte

The team had another good year. All the kids played different positions and had fun.

Minor League – Coach Keith Filiault

The boys were taught the game of baseball with hitting, fielding and playing different positions. The boys had a good year, ending up in fourth place in the league.

Minor League – Coach Troy Guerin

Grantham River Rats Baseball! The Rats had an outstanding season ending tied for first place in the KVLL minor division. The outstanding mound work by Andrew Googins, Woody Given and Connor Greeley — the big three “G” men took the Rats all the way to the Championship game. The close game saw that the Rats came up short 5-4 but still had a tremendous season anyways. Thank you to all the parents, and to Sam Given and Dustin Broughton for the help. Three kids from this team made All Stars. Vincent Guerin, Andrew Googins and Woody Given all made the 10-year-old All Star team. First they went to Districts in Nashua and then off to Claremont. The three of them played on the Championship team last year and again beat Claremont in the Championship game. Andrew did great mound work, Woody played a great 1st base, and Vincent turned one double play at 2nd base and almost another. GOOD JOB, BOYS!

Major League – Coaches Rob Watt, and Cindy Covel

The 5/6 boys baseball team had an awesome season this year. We had a diverse team from boys who had not played before to veteran players. The kids developed skills in playing as a team, defensive play as well as offensive play. We made it into the finals and three of our teammates were invited to play on the All Star teams during the summer.

Softball

3rd and 4th Grade Girls – Coach Rick Anderson

The 3rd and 4th grade girls had a fun and exciting softball season. The girls learned the basics of softball — hitting, fielding, pitching and, most importantly, having fun. The team played in the Connecticut River League against three other teams from Newport and Sunapee. In the regular season the girls finished 4-3-2. During the end of the season tournament we played two games back to back in 95 degree weather but our team gave 110 percent even in the second game when it went into extra innings. During the entire season, the girls played with the highest level of sportsmanship that would make any coach and parent proud. Special thanks to Jim Berg, Erin Cartier and Scott Gleim for helping coach this season and all the parents that helped keep the team refreshed during the tournament.

5th and 6th Grade Girls – Coach Tom Schones

The Grantham 5th and 6th Grade Girls Softball Team had a tremendously successful season in 2005 playing in the Connecticut River League. The goals of the team were to continue developing their basic skills of softball, have fun and win games. The team, consisting of five 5th graders and six 6th graders, accomplished all of these objectives. The focus was on pitching, hitting and stealing. All of the girls had an opportunity to learn multiple positions. Throughout the season the girls showed their ability to hit the ball and then run aggressively in stealing bases. The team finished their regular season undefeated and then showed their true grit by coming from 4 runs down to beat Newport in the championship game 11-10.

Note from the Recreation Director

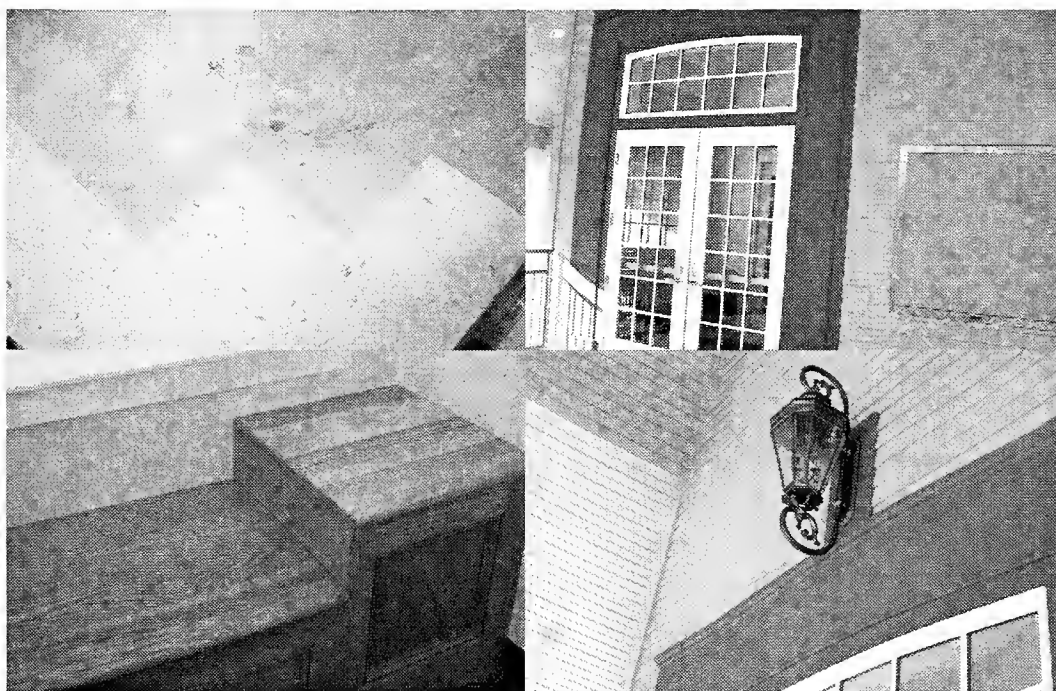
Thank you all for the support of our recreation programs and our children. It is awesome to be a part of it all! Remember our top priority is sportsmanship. Please and thank you to all the referees, umpires, score keepers, coaches and all the many other volunteers and sponsors that make our program run so smoothly.

Special note of thanks

- Tina Stearns and Sarah Barton for all the support from the town office
- Grantham Fire Department for the use of the station for car washes and the sign board for our sign-up information
- Grantham School Board for refinishing the gym floor
- Many thanks to Tom Adams at the Grill Room for hosting our basketball banquet

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Broughall, Recreation Director
Troy Guerin, Asst. Recreation Director

The bandiwork of Grantham resident Bill Willis, who died in February 2006, lives on in the new town building. He created the frame for the shovel used at groundbreaking as well as the bulletin boards.



Details are added in January 2006 (clockwise): Tile in basement, the community bulletin board, the front light and the window seat in the entryway.

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE STEPHEN G. PRICHARD

Dear Grantham Neighbors,

How appropriate that the theme of this annual report is built around the dedication of our new Town Hall. This work in progress is emblematic of the cooperative spirit and forward-looking vision that reflects the people of Grantham. Like the state itself, Grantham is growing faster than any of its neighbors — and that growth is one measure of the desirability of both as a place to live.

Growth is good and full of possibilities. It also brings change. And with change comes the challenge to manage that growth to preserve the best of the past while wisely serving an ever larger future. To do that in ways we can all feel good about will require a new dedication and much greater involvement in the “processes of governing” on the part of everyone. After much hard work on the part of many (too many to name here) we will now have enhanced services in a state-of-the-art setting and a much larger auditorium where town meetings and educational programs will have lots of room for everyone. New technical facilities will allow first-class presentations. “Everything’s up to date in Grantham city,” as the old musical croons.

Even the Grantham Democratic Committee has made a renewed effort to find new faces and talents to run for town, county and state offices. We’ll also be working in the next year to have several bipartisan educational programs on how State and local governments work, and how residents can be better informed about the important issues that affect them. The new Town Hall will be a great asset in that endeavor.

I want to say a word, too, about the other representatives of Sullivan county, District 1, comprised of Grantham, Plainfield and Cornish. Having met and worked with a goodly number of senators and representatives in my first year in Concord, I can say with some assurance and, only a little bias, that we have two of the hardest working, smartest and most capable representatives in Charlotte Houde Quimby from Meriden and Senator Peter H. Burling from Cornish. They are always well informed and articulate about the most pressing issues facing the State and County. We’re fortunate to have them as our representatives. Again, I hope we can use the new Town Hall in ways that will help you get to know them better and allow you to share your own concerns about tax issues, conservation efforts and problems related to our rapid growth.

It’s been an honor and a privilege to represent Grantham both in Concord and Newport. I’m looking forward to the New Year with enthusiasm and, with a little experience under my belt, hope to bring some new ideas to the never ending debates related to education and financial reform.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Stephen G. Prichard

STATE SENATOR PETER BURLING



This is written at the end of a difficult year in the New Hampshire Senate. Efforts to craft a durable school funding solution that meets the requirements of our Constitution have failed, once again. Efforts to pass a budget that meets the needs of our people without downshifting costs have failed, once again. The property tax crisis that I have been worrying about for many, many years is upon us. In the face of all this, I probably ought to be depressed. I'm not.

I ought to explain that I voted against the school funding bill because it fails to define an adequate education, and it fails to provide a revenue stream sufficient to guarantee each of our children an adequate education. I also voted "no" on the budget because it is balance with your property tax dollars. The budget that passed under funded both county nursing homes necessary social services. It will drive up our property taxes.

But let me get back to the reason I'm not depressed: There is a new spirit of consensus in the Senate. When the Senate elected a new president in September, groups of Republicans and Democrats began to get together to talk about ideas on which we could work together. Energy assistance was an issue on which we all felt the need to act. I was in a position to help as the Democrat on the Senate Energy Committee. After weeks of hard work in November, the Senate overwhelmingly passed an energy assistance bill that truly reflects the spirit of compromise.

There will be more such bipartisan efforts coming in 2006. Senator Clegg, the Majority Leader in the Senate, is joining me to sponsor a thorough study of the role and the costs of county government. I have felt for years that there are huge potential property tax savings to be found in the restructuring of county government. Maybe the time has come when we can take a serious look at saving taxpayer's money by rebuilding county government, while keeping the efficiencies that currently exist.

There are, of course, no guarantees to success. The problems that confront our state are big and growing bigger. I have been privileged to work on energy issues, the proper use of eminent domain, the implementation of OBD II testing and the initiation of EZ Pass. I introduced a large number of bills for the upcoming year, and I have great hope for the future of bipartisan success in 2006.

Most of all, I have a profound feeling of gratitude for the privilege of representing the people of Senate District 5. After almost 25 years in public life, it is a thrill to be in the right place, at the right time, to get some important things done for the people of our wonderful state. I am very happy to be here in the New Hampshire State Senate.

Senator Peter Hoe Burling

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Burling". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

District 5

DISTRICT ONE EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR

RAYMOND S. BURTON

January 13, 2006

As one of your elected public servants, I am honored to report to you in my role as Executive Councilor for District One.

My Constitutional and legal responsibilities while serving in this position parallel those of a Board of Directors. We administer state law and budgets passed by the New Hampshire House and Senate. We also must comply with federal laws and regulations when we accept federal programs, projects and grants.

One responsibility of the Governor and Council is to seek citizens willing to serve on the state volunteer boards and commissions. It is important that your region be well represented. If you are interested in serving on a board or commission, please send your letter of interest and resume to my office or directly to Kathy Goode, Director of Appointments/Liaison to the Council, Governor's Office, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301, telephone (603) 271-2121. Visit the Secretary of State's Web site to see what is available/open at: www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm

Sources of information from my office to you include:

- The New Hampshire Constitution
- Official NH Highway Map
- Organizational Chart of NH State Government
- NH Political Calendar 2006-07
- NH Executive Council brochure
- Listing of toll-free phone numbers for resources and information

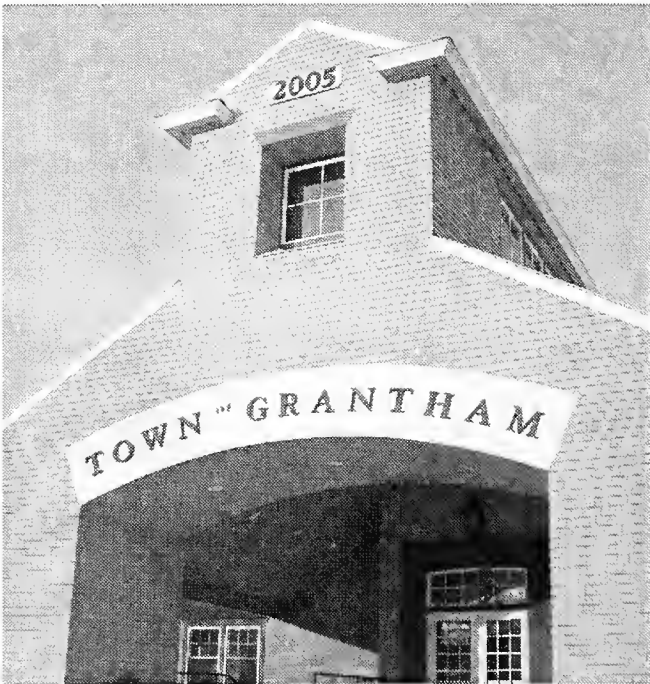
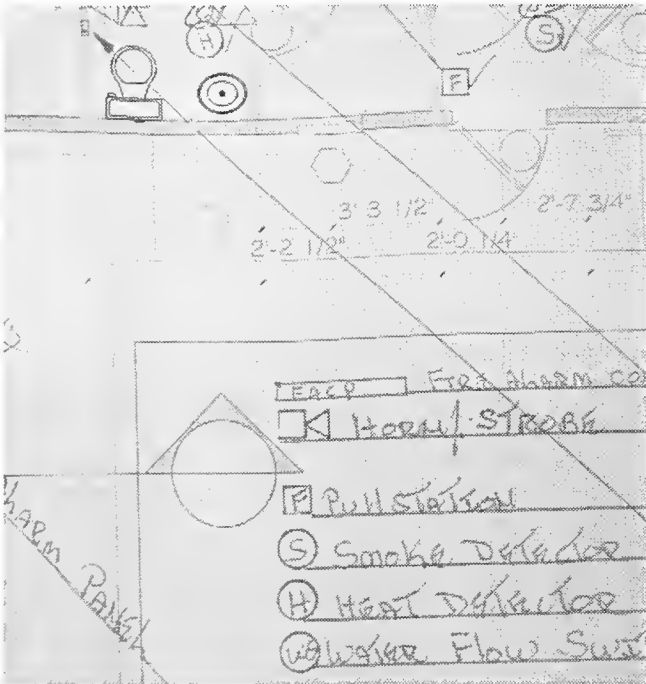
Effective e-mail/Web site sources include:

- www.nh.gov for all state agencies — executive, legislative, state personnel, licensing boards, and much more.
- www.nh.gov/council — includes duties, minutes of meetings, agendas for upcoming meetings and the history of the Executive Council
- bcheney@nheom.state.nh.us — Bruce Cheney, Bureau Chief, all emergency management matters
- www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/members/ — all NH House Members e-mail addresses
- www.gencourt.state.nh.us/senate/members/ — all NH State Senate Members e-mail addresses

I am always available to assist you and your region in solving issues and concerns of importance to you.

It is a pleasure to serve District One.

Raymond S. Burton, Executive Councilor

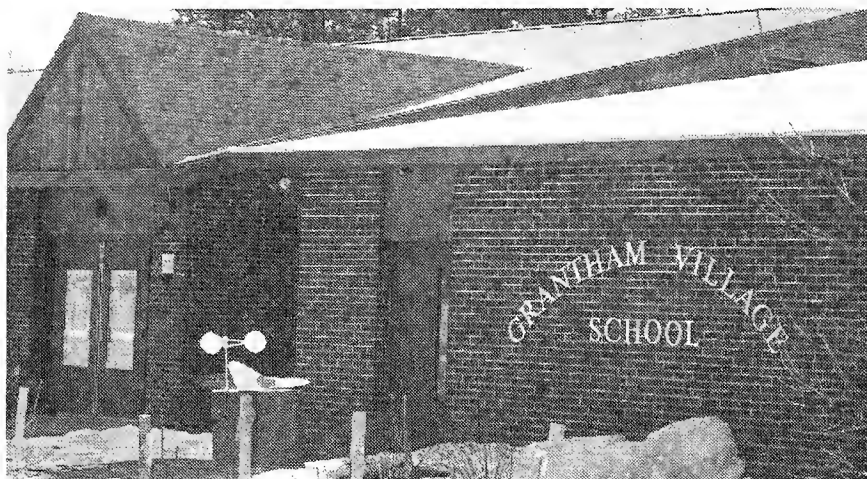


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From blueprint to building . . .



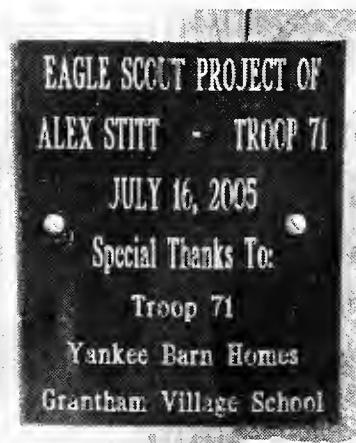
...the new Grantham Town Office is ready for town meeting, committee meetings, residents and visitors. Welcome!



GRANTHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL & SAU #75 REPORTS



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Annual Report

Grantham Village School

SAU #75

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005

OFFICERS & PERSONNEL OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Carl Hanson, *Moderator*

Piper Scalabrin, *Clerk*

Daniel McClory, *Treasurer*

Dr. Gordon E. Schnare, *Superintendent*

Kelly Cornish, *SAU Administrative Assistant*

Deborah Trottier, *Principal*

Nora Tilton, *GVS Administrative Assistant*

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Frederick Vogt, *Chair*

Cynthia Chew

Larry Fuller

Jean Liepold

Maureen Ransom

APPROVED RULES FOR 2005 GRANTHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

Grantham School Board Members

Cynthia Chew (*vice chair*)
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Term 04-07

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Term 05-08

1. No article may be brought up for reconsideration unless it is brought up immediately after the vote has been determined and announced.
2. Passing over an article is not in the spirit of the meeting and will be ruled out of order.
3. Registered voters only will be seated on the main floor and in the center of the bleachers. Nonvoters will be seated in side sections of the bleachers. Nonvoters who are not officers of the school district may be allowed to address the meeting only if the meeting votes to permit it.
4. Whenever a voter wished to speak, he or she will address the moderator and identify herself or himself.
5. The moderator will conduct a secret "yes-no" ballot when five voters make a written request prior to voice or division vote on any article open for discussion. (RSA 41:4a)
6. The moderator will take a secret "yes-no" ballot when seven or more voters question any nonballot vote immediately after the vote is declared, and before any other business is conducted. (RSA 40:4b)
7. All proposed amendments to articles will be submitted in writing to the moderator prior to vote of the amendment.

GRANTHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL ELECTION RESULTS 2005

Position	Number of votes
School Board	
<i>Fred Vogt</i>	152
Cynthia Bevin	118
John Epstein	63
Tina Stearns (write in)	1
Phil Schaefer (write in)	1
School District Treasurer	
<i>Daniel McClory</i>	182
School District Moderator	
<i>Carl Hanson</i>	186
Cindy Towle (write in)	1
School District Clerk	
<i>Piper Scalabrin</i>	186
Sarah Barton (write in)	1

GRANTHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Grantham Residents,

It is a distinct pleasure to be serving in the role of superintendent of the Grantham School District. Since assuming the position on July 1, I have had the opportunity to meet many of the town officials and work with school personnel. A spirit of cooperation and dedication to the education of Grantham students is evident throughout the district. The involvement of parents in the education of their children in the elementary school is exemplary. In October, I had the opportunity to spend unity day with the students and many of the parents as they hiked around Lake Coniston. Unity is an appropriate descriptor of the atmosphere in which the staff and students work. Grantham students also continue to excel academically as evidenced by the state testing program.

As we approach the 2006-07 school year, we are looking at a projected record number of 264 students in the Grantham Village School. At the present time, there are 212 students enrolled. We are monitoring the number of enrolled students on a daily basis. There have been as many as 219 students and as few as 211 since September. There are 41 students in Kindergarten this year, making it the largest class in Grantham Village School's history. The projections, as developed by NESDEC, show next year's Kindergarten class as 64. A preliminary registration will be conducted in January 2006 in an attempt to confirm the projections. Kindergarten registration and screening will take place in April and May. If the projections are correct, additional Kindergarten sections will be required to meet the state of New Hampshire class size recommendation of 20 students or below for grades K-2. Additional classroom space will be necessary for the 2006-07 school year, as the Board, administration and building committee continue to plan for a permanent facility solution.

The SAU office moved to the new town building on August 1, 2005. At the present time, we are the only occupants. We look forward to the police department and the town administrative offices joining us in the near future. Grantham residents should be proud of the facility and the coordination of services that will be provided under one roof. I invite you to see and inspect the excellent facility that has been provided.

I look forward to serving as superintendent of the Grantham School District, as we look forward to providing our students the excellent education that has become a standard.

*Sincerely,
John H. Moses*

G R A N T H A M V I L L A G E S C H O O L

Greetings from Grantham Village School! We are happy to welcome five new people to our exceptional team. Pat Schaefer, our Special Education Coordinator; Janet Correia, our Occupational Therapist; Sheila Cardomone, our Physical Therapist; and Kim Johnson and Karen Hastings, our newest paraprofessionals. We are so fortunate to have these very talented people working with us.

On November 4, 2005, we celebrated the opening of the Grantham Village School Walking Trail. All students and staff gathered at the entrance of the trail to participate in a dedication ceremony. This was a year-long project led by our GVS Wellness committee and funded by a grant from HealthTrust. The inner loop measures 2,368 feet and the other loop is 3,475 feet. Everyone walked the trail after the presentation. It was a great day! Our students will use the trail for physical education classes as well as environmental studies. Remember, the trail is available to all, so please come and enjoy it!

The Grantham Village School Emergency Management Planning committee continues to work with the state to evaluate and properly execute safety drills at Grantham Village School. Throughout this past year we have worked closely with town officials to coordinate a comprehensive emergency plan. We have had productive meetings with staff, the town administrator, police and fire officials as well as representatives from the F.A.S.T. squad. Together we are planning a joint school and town drill in the spring of 2006. Our new town building will now be included as one of our off-site evacuation locations, and we are moving closer to having an emergency off-site evacuation entrance/exit from the school.

The Grantham Parent Teacher Group continues to support our school programs in many different ways. Included in these programs are: the reading incentive program Books and Beyond, extra curricular activities as well as appropriate in-service and enrichment programs. This supportive and generous group also provides funding for many chorus and band activities. We sincerely appreciate their ongoing support.

At our school we provide an excellent academic program in a warm and caring atmosphere. Parents are our partners in the important task of educating the children of this community. Working together with our experienced and dedicated staff, our children will have the best educational opportunities possible. As a community, we have so much to be proud of!

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah Trottier, Principal".

*Deborah Trottier
Principal*

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VILLAGE SCHOOL ~ 2004-2005 STAFF

Mr. Scott Allaire	Grade 4 Teacher
Mrs. Jackie Atherley	Kindergarten Teacher
Mrs. Debra Bailey	Food Service Aide
Mr. Gordon Bartlett	Custodian (Evening)
Mrs. Heidi Bartlett	Kindergarten Teacher
Mrs. Deebee Bechta-Piedmont.....	Grade 5 Teacher
Mrs. Linda Bohrer	Paraprofessional
Mrs. Denise Buckman	Grade 3 Teacher
Mrs. Sheila Cardamore	Physical Therapist
Mrs. Wanda Clark	Music Teacher
Mrs. Diana Conine	Media Specialist
Mrs. Ameila Cormier	Art Teacher
Ms. Janet Correia	Occupational Therapist
Mr. Rob Crutchfield	Grade 3 Teacher
Mrs. Karen Davis	Speech Therapist
Mr. Roger Dontonville	Health & Physical Education Teacher
Mrs. Nancy Edgar-Howard	Reading Specialist
Mrs. Tara Evans	Grade 6 Teacher
Mrs. Laurie Field	Food Service Manager
Mr. Kevin Gianini	Grade 4/5 Teacher
Mrs. Marsha Googins	Paraprofessional
Mrs. Anna Harwood	Grade 2 Teacher
Ms. Karen Hastings	Paraprofessional
Mrs. Andrea Head	Paraprofessional
Mrs. Sue Jaggard	Grade 1 Teacher
Mrs. Kim Johnson	Paraprofessional
Mrs. Joanne Long	Special Education Teacher
Mrs. Linda Malnati	Paraprofessional
Mrs. Miki McGee	Special Education Teacher
Mrs. Karen Moon	Paraprofessional
Mrs. Jeanne Mouser	Grade 1 Teacher
Mrs. Deloris Netzband	Guidance Counselor
Mr. Jim Palermo	Maintenance
Mr. Oliver Renehan	Custodian (Day)
Mrs. Mary Richard	Paraprofessional
Mrs. Judy Ryan	Paraprofessional
Mrs. Gay Sabin	Grade 6 Teacher
Mrs. Piper Scalabrin	Nurse
Ms. Pat Schaefer	Special Education Coordinator
Mr. Lino Tanaka	Strings Instructor
Mrs. Nora Tilton	Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Deborah Trottier	Principal
Mrs. Lynn Wallace	Grade 2 Teacher
Mrs. Pam Waltzer	Instrumental Music Teacher

GRANTHAM TUITION STUDENTS

7th Grade

Blandin, Matthew
Brown, Megan
Caffrey, Sarah
Chestnut, Melody
Collier, Christine
Cornish, Stephanie
Covel, Dalton
Craig, Corin
Field, Danielle
Gilliatt, Colleen
Hueil, Marlin
Marsh, Jeremy
McHugh, Charles
Mortenson, Ali
Paquette, Haleigh
Pond, Delia
Rivera, Dimequa
Rivera, Pantara
Russell, Liam
Sekula, Tyler
Tait, Brianne
Turner, Kelsie
Walker, Gavin
Wells-Bogue, Madeleine
Willis, Mike
Wilson, Jacob

8th Grade

Charbono, Kelsi
Chase, Phillip "Scott"
Cheney, Adam
Covel, Kaitlyn
Cyphers, Joshua
Eigenbrode, Sarah
Gobin, Gregory
Hagan, Owen
Hunt, Daniel
Ivey, Shayne
Jarvis, Amanda
Kangas, Ashley
Kenny, Paige
Lane, Christopher
Marks, Arianna
Marks, Tamara

Mayo, Devin
McClory, Shawn
Mitchell, Nichole
Morgan, Braden
Ordway, Chelsea
Paquette, Kyle
Ray, Karl
Richard, Evan
Trottier, Daniel
Valente, Rebecca
Valliere, Elizabeth
Walters, Molly
Williams, Gregory
Wright, Kayla

9th Grade

Arnold, Kaitlyn
Beaulieu, Aaron
Berg, Anna
Broughall, Katie
Burnham, Matthew
Butler, Morgan
Carey, Erin
Clark, Stephen
Conine, Andrea
Cornish, Ashley
Emerson, Heather
Feldstein, Jeremy
Giveen, Luke
Guerin, Dylan
Hoag, Charles
Hutchins, Matthew
Lamont, Brett
McGee-Scalabrin, Brody
Mortenson, Ashley
O'Brien, Reed
Pond, Morgan
Shepherd, Karli
Smith, Kristina
Steinmetz, Kasey
Sullivan, Patrick
Wade, Jordan
Wells-Bogue, Abeba
Wells-Bogue, Merhawi
Wilson, Michael

10th Grade

Bailey, Rebecca
Buchanan, David
Carmichael, David
Cheever, Christopher
Collier, Jennifer
Cyphers, Jonathan
Davidson, Carolyn
Dazet, Victoria
Feldstein, Nathan
Figley, Tessa
Guzman, Damian
Hastings, Jessica
Ivey, Courtney
Malnati, Jamie
Marsh, Christopher
Martineau, Chelsea
Matyas, John
Mellish, Ramsey
10th Grade
Montmagny, Ben
Muir, Grant
Paquette, Thomas
Partridge, Shannon
Peterson, Shannon
Purdy, Alex
Roy, William
Russell, Grace
Ryan, Matthew
Schmidt, Alexandra
Stearns, Jeremiah
Wallin, Kristina
Wantuch, David
Wenz, Hannah
Williams, Rebecca

11th Grade

Bard, Casey M.
Beal, Alexa W.
Brewer, Donald A.
Chaput, David P.
Congdon, Jonathan M.
Daigle, Kristen B.
Dorr, Gabrielle M.

Durkee, Lindsay A.
Emerson, Joshua R.
Hanson, Emily E.
Hutchins, Travis W.
Lamont, Ryan M.
Masterson, Nathan
Mayo, Brenden
McGee-Scalabrin, Hannah
Montmagny, Elizabeth A.
Moulton, Jackie
O'Brien, Shannon R.
Rose, Brittany S.
Russell, Emily D.
Schmidt, Lisanne H.
Sekula, Nicholas J.
Stitt, Alexander
Sullivan, Aileen W.
Valcourt, Elizabeth J. (Beth)
Webber, Johanna C.
Wells-Bogue, Grace W.
Willis, Heather M.

12th Grade - Class of 2006

Buchanan, Jenna
Butler, Joshua
Carmichael, Mary
Clary, Austin M.
Daigle, Matthew S.
Daigle, Meghan E.
Davidson, Daniel G.
Dorr, Samuel
Hastings, Jacalyn M.
Hastings, Michael
Hastings, Shaun S.
Kimball, Kori M.
LaBelle, Lana B.
Muir, Cortni C.
Ordway II, Stephen B.
Shepherd, Max R.
Smith, Amanda M.
Stearns, Heather B.
Trottier, Nicole E.
Wilson, Amanda L.

GRANTHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL
HIGH/LOW ENROLLMENT
SEPTEMBER 2005 THROUGH JANUARY 2006

Grade	September 2005	January 2006
Kindergarten	40	41
First Grade	31	31
Second Grade	27	28
Third Grade	36	37
Fourth Grade	31	31
Fifth Grade	29	28
Sixth Grade	20	20
Total	214	216

SAU 75/GRANTHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank balance as of July 1, 2004 \$ 177,282.45

Plus Deposits:

Town of Grantham	\$3,752,409.00
Food Service Income	56,230.00
Revenue from State Sources	45,104.00
Transfers from Special Ed Trust	43,000.00
Building Aid	43,500.00
Claremont Tuition	7,872.00
Primex	2,776.00
Grant Income	10,149.00
Catastrophic Aid	14,369.00
Bank Interest	7,008.00
Building Trust	10,000.00
Other Income	19,265.00

Total Income \$4,011,682.00

Minus:

Checks	- \$4,130,471.60
Outstanding Accounts Payable Checks	30,336.41
Outstanding Payroll Checks	14,695.68

Total Expenditures - \$4,085,439.51

Bank balance as of June 30, 2005 \$ 103,524.94

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel D. McClory
Treasurer

GRANTHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL

DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 10, 2005

Moderator Carl Hanson called the 2005 Grantham School District Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. He began the meeting by welcoming all attending. He introduced Chair of the School Board, Fred Vogt. Fred Vogt then introduced School Board Members Larry Fuller, Jean Liepold, Maureen Ransom and Cynthia Bevin. He, as well, introduced our Superintendent Dr. Gordon Schnare and Principal Deb Trottier.

Moderator Carl Hanson referred those attending to page 106 in the 2005 town report. On this page are the Proposed Rules for the 2005 Grantham School District Meeting. He requested the voters adopt these rules by voice vote. Motion to approve the rules as written made by Bruce St. Peter. Joy Gobin seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Carl Hanson next spoke about the school board election held on March 8. He congratulated Fred Vogt and Cynthia Bevin for their re-election to the board.

ARTICLE 1. To hear the reports of agents, committees and other officers heretofore chosen and to pass any vote relating thereto. Larry Fuller made the motion to approve

Article 1 as written. Joy Gobin seconded. Moderator Carl Hanson called for discussion of the article and referred the voters to the reports written in the Town Report. There was no discussion regarding this article.

The Article was adopted as written by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the district will raise and appropriate four million, four hundred fifty-five thousand, four hundred and thirteen dollars (\$4,455,413) for the support of the school, for the payment of salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of said district and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from state and federal governments, together with other income, the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance which is to be raised by taxation by the district. This article includes the amounts described in Article 7, but does not include funds requested in any of the other warrant articles. (Recommended by the School Board) Moderator Carl Hanson notified the voters that there was a written request, signed by five voters to vote on this article by secret yes-no ballots. Chair Fred Vogt made the motion for Article 2 to be adopted as written. Seconded by Sandy Palermo.

Moderator Carl Hanson recognized Chair Fred Vogt to speak about the article. Fred gave an all encompassing presentation to the voters explaining the reasons for the increase in this year's budget. The bottom line is that this year there is a \$721,256 increase in this year's budget. The three main drivers increasing this year are: secondary school tuition, teacher contract and special education. These combined equal \$648,961, which is 90 percent of the increase.

The secondary school tuition is up for a number of reasons: A smaller student base at the junior high over which to spread the cost, a new teachers contract in Lebanon, special education increases,

a new resource position at the high school and parking lot rehab done at the high school. Fred showed a cost and availability school comparison among Lebanon and other high schools. Some other high schools are either higher in cost, or cannot accommodate all of our students.

Fred next discussed Article 6 and spoke of the increase in salaries for staff at GVS. Professional staff are receiving a 3.5 percent increase, which is comparable to teacher contracts at other schools. Support staff are receiving a 5.75 percent increase, larger due to the rise in the cost of health insurance.

He then discussed the rise in special education costs. The school has hired a part-time special education director. She is the gatekeeper and advocate of the program. The number of children needing assistance has increased from two children at the preschool age to 12 children currently receiving services. He made the point that early intervention in preschool costs money at the outset, but eventually saves money later on. He illustrated Grantham Village School expenses line by line. He pointed out that 7 percent of the budget is under the control of the board. He next broke the budget down in percent increases. They are: Secondary tuition, 57 percent; special education, 16 percent; teachers contract, 16 percent; and other, 10 percent.

Chair Fred Vogt spoke of the state of the school. These are some of the positive happenings occurring at the Grantham Village School: A Well Dollar Grant for the creation of a local walking trail; a Healthy New Hampshire Grant to increase physical fitness in our student population: an active ELF program; Destination Imagination; the World War II biography book whose ceremony filled the gymnasium; and a committee at the school for increasing emergency safety at the school.

Mr. Vogt's view from the chair is a positive view regarding the general feel of the school. The town and school are cooperating, the school is thriving. He stated the next step is capital improvement planning to be done in conjunction with the school and town. Mr. Vogt then ended his presentation with the mission statement of the Grantham School Board: To provide our School Community with Sufficient Educational Resources to Ensure our Children Quality Educational Opportunity. He pointed out that "sufficient educational resources" does not only mean money. It also includes quality teachers and volunteers. Moderator Carl Hanson opened the floor up for discussion of Article 2. He recognized Jeff Figley to speak. Jeff spoke of living in Grantham for 21 years, and finding the budget increase staggering. He asked about the septic tank freezing, and the roof leaking and why the builders were not being held accountable for problems. He spoke of the price of computers being exorbitant. He stated he felt that the board has not done their job. Moderator Carl Hanson asked that Mr. Figley address questions to him and not the board. Fred Vogt responded by stating that the board had gone back to the contractors regarding the roof and had a lawyer involved, yet the contractor would not address the issue. Mr. Vogt and Mr. Palermo went on the roof and found out what the problem was. Mr. Palermo was able to fix the roof as the problem was not significant in scope.

Mr. Vogt went on to speak of the septic issue. Whose fault is the problem — the contractor's or the designer's? He stated that one can address the issue with the contractor, but the goal is to fix the problem. He next exhibited a slide, which illustrated the 10 percent of the other. This 10 percent is made up of fuel costs, transportation costs, copier lease, computers, maintenance person and deficit. He spoke of the maintenance position saving the taxpayers money, as the school does not have to hire outside help to fix certain problems. He stated that there was \$43,000 in the budget for maintenance of the building, and upon hire of Mr. Palermo the cost went down to \$26,000.

Dr. Phil Schaefer was next recognized. He spoke of his volunteer work at the school. He stated that he has respect for the teachers, but is appalled at the budget. He spoke of being upset with the cost of health insurance. He talked about the ECA finding different health insurance to combat the increasing cost. He asked why the board was in favor of a plan which was up 18 percent, and why they did not look for something more affordable. Cynthia Bevin responded that the board's lawyer advised them not to change the insurance plan as it would have an adverse effect on the staff at GVS. The school pays a flat rate each year for the teachers' health insurance. Teachers are expected to pay more each year toward their health insurance. Jean Liepold spoke of the increase in health insurance cost being 26.4 percent, which she stated is illegal in the state of New Hampshire. She talked about asking Dr. Schnare to look into other insurance providers and their cost. She spoke of the town's switch to Harvard Pilgrim. She stated that she felt that teachers paying a percentage is more of a fair market approach. She stated that she voted against the teacher contract, and against the school budget. She believes that the budget is excessive in cost.

Moderator Carl Hanson recognized Don Noordsy. He stated that he is the treasurer of the ECA, and has been extensively involved in developing budgets. He spoke of the spreadsheets giving misleading information. He stated that the ECA does not have the luxury of a tax-based income, and therefore had to be very careful with spending. He feels that there is not the same care taken with the school budget. He spoke of the ECA's health plan. He stated that the ECA was able to save approximately \$50,000, and he encouraged the school board to be as vigilant. He spoke of \$5 co-pay being a thing of the past.

Carl Hanson next recognized Bill Hutchins. He stated that to blame the school board for the maintenance problems of the school was not just. He stated that he is disturbed that the school is paying the same price per gallon for fuel that he is. He asked what percentage of the budget can this board have an effect on. Fred Vogt responded 10 percent is what the board can control.

Jeff Figley was recognized. He asked questions regarding the SAU cost. He spoke of feeling helpless regarding outcome. He stated that he was surprised that the teachers were upset with the contract. He asked why the contract with the teachers was a three year one. He stated that the school has significantly improved over the 21 years he has been a resident. However, he spoke of feeling frustrated with cost.

Larry Fuller responded by stating that there has been much lively budget debate amongst the board members. He contended that things are cut from the budget. He urged the voters to come to the budget meetings of the board in order to be able to voice concerns and opinions. He stated that he believed that the health insurance could have been looked at more robustly. He spoke of the opportunity to look at another health insurance contract. He spoke of the lack of control by the board for much of the budget. He stated that the board is willing to be creative with budget issues.

Helen Schotanus was recognized by Carl Hanson. She stated that she had been a school board member from 1986-1995. She asked for the voters to turn to page 109 in the town report to look at test scores of Grantham children. She stated that the scores are excellent. She congratulated the school board for putting together a staff able to teach well enough to elicit these kinds of high scores. She spoke of the need to work as a community to create a budget.

Dr. Bill Zimmerman was next recognized. He reiterated the three big drivers of the budget. He spoke of last years budget being flat, up less than 1 percent. He spoke of the large number of

preschoolers this year. He stated that the teachers pay increase of 3.5 percent is in line with other schools. He stated that impact bargaining might be a solution for changing health insurance cost.

Dr. Gordon Schnare was recognized and stated that the carriers as well as the cost is mandatory to negotiate. Cynthia Bevin reiterated his statement. Dr. Phil Schaefer responded that many people are uncomfortable with the insurance cost going up 80 percent in three years. He asked if there is a parliamentary procedure available to allow the time to look for a less expensive health care plan. Can we suspend the meeting?

Fred Vogt asked to not suspend the meeting prior to voting on Article 2. Andy Mellow made the motion to move the question. Connie Howard seconded. The question was called to vote by majority voice vote. Moderator Carl Hanson explained the yes-no voting procedure. Moderator Carl Hanson, Supervisor of the Checklist Deborah Cheever and Clerk Piper Scalabrin counted the votes. There were 55 yes and 23 no votes, for a total of 78 votes cast.

Article 2 was adopted as written by a majority of 55 yes to 23 no.

ARTICLE 3. For 2004-2005, to see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to reduce the general fund deficit pursuant to RSA 189:28-1. (Recommended by the School Board)Maureen Ransom made the motion to accept Article 3 as written. Joy Gobin seconded. Selectman Connie Jones was recognized and made the motion to amend Article 3 to read pursuant to RSA 194:3-b instead of RSA 189:28-1. Cynthia Bevin seconded this motion. The motion was called to vote and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Moderator Carl Hanson opened the discussion of the amended Article 3. Maureen Ransom spoke in favor of the article. There was no other discussion regarding the amended article. The article was called to vote.

The amended Article 3 was adopted by majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to be added to the Special Education Expendable Trust, established at the School District Meeting on March 16, 1999, for the purposes of providing special education services in the District. (Recommended by the School Board)

Cynthia Bevin made the motion to accept Article 4 as written. Kelly Cornish seconded. Cynthia Bevin spoke in favor of Article 4. She stated that the high preschool numbers have depleted the current Special Education fund. This money will be used only if needed. There was no other discussion of Article 4. The article was called to vote.

Article 4 was adopted as written by majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Grantham Village School Building Fund, established at the Grantham School District Meeting on March 4, 1997, to be used for anticipated construction of a school building. (Recommended by the School Board)

Larry Fuller made the motion to adopt Article 5 as written. Steve Prichard seconded. Larry Fuller spoke of the need for the fund, as the demographics of the town of Grantham are changing. He stated the board decided to ask for \$50,000 rather than \$100,000 as in previous years due to other budget increases. He stated the birth rate in Grantham has doubled as well as town immigration increasing. He spoke of the need for 12 classrooms in grades K-3 within the next four years. He stated that there is a committee looking at building expansion and he invited voters to be a part of this process.

Bruce St. Peter was recognized and stated that four to five years ago there was talk of expansion in Grantham, but the number of students has not increased as anticipated. He spoke of the most recent addition to the school, and that this school has the capacity for 250 students right now, but our numbers are not near that. He spoke of his interest in paying down debt, rather than putting money aside for future. Fred Vogt responded that the bond on the latest addition will be paid off at the end of the year. Larry Fuller stated that the growth of Grantham School has not followed the trajectory that was anticipated. He stated, however, that the birthrate has gone from 19 to 38, thus there will inevitably be a larger school population coming. He spoke of the need to do a census of the population of Grantham. He stated that we are not yet at capacity of the school, however, the problem is in number of classrooms, not number of students.

Lynn Hill was recognized. She stated that Grantham does not have a music room nor an art room. She is disappointed in this. She asked what a no vote on Article 5 meant. Carl Hanson stated that a no vote meant zero dollars added to the building trust.

Dan McClory was recognized and stated that the purpose of the most recent addition was not to add to the capacity of the school for increased enrollment, but instead to make room for programs such as music and art, as well as a cafeteria. At the time of the addition we had 164 students; now at 208 students, the extra rooms are needed as classrooms.

The article was moved to vote. The vote was by secret yes-no vote. Moderator Carl Hanson, Supervisor of the Checklist Donna Stamper and Clerk Piper Scalabrin counted the votes. They were 57 yes, 18 no for a total of 75 votes.

Article 5 was adopted as written by a majority vote of 57 yes to 18 no.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Grantham School District will vote to approve the cost item included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Grantham School Board and the Grantham Educational Association, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
2005-2006	\$121,974
2006-2007	\$118,929
2007-2008	\$133,582

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred twenty-one thousand, nine hundred and seventy-four dollars (\$121,974) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase and salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. (Recommended by the School Board)

Cynthia Bevin made the motion to adopt Article 6 as written. Seconded by Joy Gobin. Cynthia Bevin spoke of the contract process. She stated that the board has come a long way and that sacrifices were made by all parties. She stated that the support staff of the school had wanted credit for years and education at work, and that the board was not able to give them this. She urged the voters to accept Article 6, as the alternative of not passing the article would be devastating to both parties involved with the negotiations.

Jeff Figley was recognized. He stated that the increase is 13 percent and that this over three years is 45 percent. He stated that he is not the enemy of the board nor the teachers. He asked what it would mean for this not to pass. Carl Hanson responded that a no vote would mean that both parties would have to go back to the table to negotiate and that there would have to be special permission from a Superior Court Judge for a Special Meeting. Cynthia Bevin spoke of the difficulty of obtaining this permission.

Mike Holdowsky was recognized and asked how the increase was being calculated. His figures were not consistent with the increase that Mr. Figley and Dr. Schaefer were coming up with. Dr. Schaefer made the motion to suspend the meeting at this point for 60 days to look for options for less expensive insurance, similar to what the Town and Eastman has selected. Jeff Figley seconded this motion. Moderator Carl Hanson explained to the voters that there would be no opportunity to renegotiate the contract at this point. The contract has been approved by the teachers and the board, and has been brought forth to the voters to be either approved or not. If the contract is rejected by the voters, then both sides start over again with negotiations.

Steve Prichard was recognized. He reiterated that nothing can be accomplished by suspending the meeting, no further negotiations can be held. A judge would have to give approval for a special meeting.

Bob Kessler was recognized and spoke of the concern that is prevalent at this meeting with insurance costs, but of the small impact that this has on the total budget. He spoke of a level of trust necessary to reinvestigate the cost of insurance in order to save money for all involved. Dr. Schaefer asked the moderator if he was certain that there was not the opportunity to renegotiate the contract in the next 60 days, because there would be no point in suspending the meeting if this was so. Moderator Carl Hanson stated he believed that they could not renegotiate, but that this was not his area of expertise and that he could not for sure say. The motion was called.

The motion to suspend the meeting for 60 days failed with the nays being the majority. Further discussion was had regarding Article 6. Don Noordsy was recognized and asked for features of the school staff health plan. Brian Sullivan, the NEA representative, was recognized and spoke of the plan. He stated that it is a typical HMO plan (Matthew Thornton Blue) with a \$5 co-pay. It is not as extensive a plan as health plans of the past.

Steve Prichard was recognized and stated that Grantham is not alone in this increasing cost of health insurance. He stated that in general, health care costs have gone up 20 to 30 percent, and that this is a crisis. Grantham, as well, has gone through dramatic changes. He went on to thank the board and volunteers who work on the budget.

Bill Zimmerman was recognized and stated that he concurred with the remarks made by Steve Prichard. He spoke of the difficulty of the collective bargaining process. He stated that the increase

in salaries is in line with other schools. He spoke of not having a contract being very difficult for everyone involved. He brought up the idea of impact bargaining in order to rethink the cost of the current health insurance.

JoAnn Rauert was recognized and asked the question if Article 6 was voted yes and the insurance was renegotiated, would the teachers have the right to say no to a new plan. Jean Liepold responded that the school is paying a flat rate no matter what the insurance is. Larry Fuller stated that both parties have agreed to the current contract, and that, as well, both parties would have to agree to any change in the contract. He went on to say that if the coverages were similar, this may be a compelling reason to be willing to change. He spoke of relying on the good will of the teachers to renegotiate.

Sarah Barton made the motion to move the question. Carol Prichard seconded. The Article was put to secret yes-no ballot. Moderator Carl Hanson, Supervisor of the Checklist Deborah Cheever and Clerk Piper Scalabrin counted the votes. There were 55 yes, 20 no for a total of 75 votes.

Article 6 passed with a majority vote of 55 yes to 20 no.

ARTICLE 7. To determine and appoint the salaries of the Grantham School Board, and fix the compensation of any other officers and agents of the District as follows: Board Chair, \$300; four Board Members at \$200 per individual, \$800; School District Treasurer, \$500; School District Clerk, \$100; Moderator, \$50; Supervisor of the Checklist, \$25 per individual per meeting. (Recommended by the School Board)

Cynthia Bevin made the motion to accept Article 7 as written. Joy Gobin seconded. There was no discussion regarding this article.

Article 7 passed with a majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 8. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting. Maureen Ransom made the motion to accept Article 8 as written. Connie Howard seconded. Connie Howard was recognized. She stated that this meeting should be a wake up call to voters, and that if you are concerned with the budget, then it is important to attend the budget meetings of the board. She spoke of being proud of this good school, and good board and that after hearing the budget three times she feels that the board has done their homework.

Article 8 passed by majority voice vote.

Sarah Barton made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 p.m. JoAnn Rauert seconded. The meeting was adjourned by majority voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Piper Pond Scalabrin
School District Clerk

**PLODZIK & SANDERSON***Professional Association/Accountants & Auditors*193 North Main Street • Concord • New Hampshire • 03301-5063 • 603-225-6996 • FAX-224-1380***INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT***

To the Members of the School Board
Grantham School District
Grantham, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Grantham School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, which collectively comprise the Grantham School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the School District's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on the financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Grantham School District as of June 30, 2005, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information are not a required part of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Grantham School District's basic financial statements. The individual fund statements are presented for the purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. They have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

September 30, 2005

SCHEDULE D-1
GRANTHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
Major General Fund
Schedule of Estimated and Actual Revenues (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005

	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Positive (Negative)</u>
School district assessment:			
Current appropriation	\$ 2,668,712	\$ 2,668,712	\$
Deficit appropriation	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u> </u>
Total school district assessment	<u>2,693,712</u>	<u>2,693,712</u>	<u> </u>
Other local sources:			
Tuition		7,872	7,872
Investment earnings	3,000	7,030	4,030
Miscellaneous	<u>1,065</u>	<u>6,626</u>	<u>5,561</u>
Total other local sources	<u>4,065</u>	<u>21,528</u>	<u>17,463</u>
State sources:			
Adequacy aid (tax)	1,058,697	1,058,697	
School building aid	40,483	43,500	3,017
Catastrophic aid	<u>10,329</u>	<u>14,369</u>	<u>4,040</u>
Total state sources	<u>1,107,509</u>	<u>1,116,566</u>	<u>7,057</u>
Federal sources:			
Medicaid		516	516
Other		<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>
Total federal sources		<u>2,016</u>	<u>2,016</u>
Other financing sources:			
Transfers in		<u>53,000</u>	<u>53,000</u>
Total revenues and other financing sources	3,807,286	<u>\$ 3,886,822</u>	<u>\$ 79,536</u>
Use of fund balance to reduce school district assessment	<u>96,063</u>		
Total revenues, other financing sources and use of fund balance	<u>\$ 3,903,349</u>		

SCHEDULE D-2
GRANTHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
Major General Fund
Schedule of Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005

	Encumbered From 2003-2004	Appropriations 2004-2005	Expenditures Net of Refunds	Encumbered To 2005-2006	Variance Positive (Negative)
Current:					
Instruction:					
Regular programs	\$ 4,586	\$ 2,632,413	\$ 2,584,464	\$ 1,392	\$ 51,143
Special programs		239,682	253,450		(13,768)
Total instruction	<u>4,586</u>	<u>2,872,095</u>	<u>2,837,914</u>	<u>1,392</u>	<u>37,375</u>
Support services:					
Student		121,770	147,218		(25,448)
Instructional staff		76,945	76,166		779
General administration		26,748	25,558		1,190
Executive administration		132,297	153,412		(21,115)
School administration		140,945	146,965		(6,020)
Operation and maintenance of plant		174,781	189,940	3,678	(18,837)
Student transportation		94,458	96,073		(1,615)
Other			1,967		(1,967)
Total support services		<u>767,944</u>	<u>837,299</u>	<u>3,678</u>	<u>(73,033)</u>
Facilities acquisition and construction		<u>7,500</u>			<u>7,500</u>
Debt service:					
Principal		145,000	145,000		
Interest		14,747	14,747		
Total debt service		<u>159,747</u>	<u>159,747</u>		
Other financing uses:					
Transfers to expendable trust fund		96,063	96,064		(1)
Transfers to nonmajor governmental fund			3,885		(3,885)
Total other financing uses		<u>96,063</u>	<u>99,949</u>		<u>(3,886)</u>
Total appropriations, expenditures and encumbrances	<u>\$ 4,586</u>	<u>\$ 3,903,349</u>	<u>\$ 3,934,909</u>	<u>\$ 5,070</u>	<u>\$ (32,044)</u>

BIRTHS

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Name of Mother	Place of Birth
January 12	Garrett Samuel Hansen	Bradley Hansen	Tammy Hansen	Lebanon, NH
January 22	Micah Palmer Lee	Daniel Lee	Lark Lee	Lebanon, NH
January 28	Brynne Alice Spaeth	Gordon Spaeth	Tara Velozo	Lebanon, NH
February 2	Daniel Benjamin Bubis	Jeffrey Bubis	Gabrielle Bubis	Lebanon, NH
February 6	Christopher James Perriello	James Perriello	Natalie Perriello	Lebanon, NH
February 23	Gavin Matthew Emerson	Matthew Emerson	Courtney Emmerson	Lebanon, NH
March 10	Gavin William Roberts	William Roberts	Kari Roberts	Lebanon, NH
April 6	Tanner Marshall Ames	Jonathan Ames	Erin Ames	Lebanon, NH
April 23	Dustin Arthur Jarvis	Brian Jarvis	Lisa Jarvis	Lebanon, NH
April 23	Finn Carl Jay Ericson	Peter Ericson	Colleen Ericson	Lebanon, NH
April 30	Micah Grace Beissinger	Jason Beissinger	Heather Beissinger	Lebanon, NH
May 18	Samuel Adam Hastings	Wesley Hastings	Jaime Hastings	Lebanon, NH
May 23	Roy Thomas Shapard	Roy Shapard	Lisa Shapard	Lebanon, NH
May 24	Wesley Sykes Humphrey	Darren Humphrey	Pamela Humphrey	Lebanon, NH
May 26	Nicholas Emanuele Simeone	Matthew Simeone	Sarah Simeone	Lebanon, NH
May 29	William Thomas Grant	Edward Grant	Wendi Grant	Lebanon, NH
June 1	Spencer Donald Hadlock	Peter Hadlock	Julia Hadlock	Lebanon, NH
June 2	Adia Valcine Nalungo Destin	Emerson Destin	Kisha Destin	Lebanon, NH
June 10	Isabel Mirocha Wichman	Bryan Wichman	Sarah Mirocha	Lebanon, NH
June 17	Courtney Catherine Dann	Luke Dann	Elizabeth Dann	Lebanon, NH
June 27	Olivia Marie Britton	Steven Britton	Melissa Britton	Lebanon, NH
June 28	Alexander Everett Blish	William Blish	Suzanne Blish	Lebanon, NH
July 2	Leah Noelle Nagy	Thomas Nagy	Debra Nagy	Lebanon, NH
July 6	Colin Thomas Sheehan	Thomas Sheehan	Anne Sheehan	Lebanon, NH
July 15	Tyler James Trietsch	Scott Trietsch	Joann Trietsch	Lebanon, NH
July 23	Madeline Grace Spiller	Gerald Spiller	Kelley Spiller	Lebanon, NH
July 24	Landon Thomas Moulton	Jeffrey Moulton	Jennifer Bowen	Lebanon, NH
July 25	Andrew John Sanchez	John Sanchez	Wendy Sanchez	Lebanon, NH
July 31	Clover Grace Laurie		Jamie Stauffer-Laurie	Lebanon, NH
August 5	Mary Grace Palamara	Joseph Palamara	Jennifer Palamara	Lebanon, NH
August 14	Sawyer John Beaulieu	David Beaulieu	Jennifer Beaulieu	Lebanon, NH
August 17	Kyah Lillian Bircher	Todd Bircher	Wendy Bircher	Lebanon, NH
August 19	Thomas John Wolfe	John Wolfe	Elizabeth Wolfe	Lebanon, NH
August 30	Brennan Eward Walsh	Eward Walsh	Karen Walsh	Lebanon, NH
September 3	Boden William Griffith	Joseph Griffith	Mary Niblock	Lebanon, NH
September 8	Leah Elisabeth Schwaab	Thomas Schwaab	Patricia Schwaab	Lebanon, NH
September 29	Molly Jocelyn Kearing	Stephen Kearing	Susan Kearing	Lebanon, NH
October 24	Mary-Kathryn Floyd	Kevin Floyd	Robyn Floyd	Lebanon, NH
November 4	Gabrielle Marie Simione	Anthony Simione	Margaret Simione	Lebanon, NH
December 8	Oscar Rune Goranson	Anders Goranson	Lori Goranson	Nashua, NH
December 22	Liam Daniel Johnson	Terry Johnson	Janet Johnson	Lebanon, NH

DEATHS

Date	Name of Deceased	Place of Death	Name of Father	Name of Mother
January 15	Stephen Rudnai	Grantham, NH	Lewis Rudnai	Helen Schweitzer
January 15	Valerie Rudnai	Grantham, NH	Miklos Beregi	Ilona (unknown)
January 20	Eunyce Swift	Grantham, NH	James Blair	Victoria Bridgeford
February 8	Margaret Grimley	Grantham, NH	Walter Rockwood	Mildred Lathrop
March 8	Betty Martin	Grantham, NH	Robert Kuhns	Edna Woods
April 22	Elsa Cherwinski	Lebanon, NH	William Bliss	Elsa Brandt
May 20	Lloyd Krumm	New London, NH	Lloyd Krumm	Hilda Wilson
July 6	Beulah Montross	New London, NH	James Delaney	Catherine Norton
July 7	Madeleine Bouliane	New London, NH	Francis Payeur	Marie Claire
August 27	Eugene Eaklor	New London, NH	Raymond Eaklor	Myrtle Hill
August 28	Rita Scalabrin	Lebanon, NH	Steven Gavalas	Lena Fopiano
September 20	Louise Durgin	Lebanon, NH	Arthur Laclair	Esther Cutts
September 22	Ella Reney	Grantham, NH	Ira Barton	Lucy Benton
November 5	Agnes Clarke	New London, NH	Oscar Menge	Anna Englemann
November 14	Roland Duford	Concord, NH	Leo Duford	Estelle Durocher
December 13	Frederick Fowler	New London, NH	Herbert Fowler	Henrietta O'Reilly

MARRIAGES

Date	Groom's Name	Residence	Bride's Name	Residence
April 9	Robert R. Chew	Grantham, NH	Cynthia G. Bevin	Grantham, NH
May 22	Joel T. Emlen	South Royalton, VT	Chandra P. Boivert	Grantham, NH
June 24	Todd R. Gregory	Bradford, NH	Debra L. Henry	Grantham, NH
July 2	Mark E. Chesnut	Grantham, NH	Nicole M. Jarvis	Grantham, NH
July 9	Robert B. Morgan	Grantham, NH	Laura A. Dyer	Grantham, NH
July 21	Mark D. Allen	Grantham, NH	Andrea L. Welch	Grantham, NH
August 27	Jeffrey J. Breedlove	Grantham, NH	Denise P. Desmarais	Grantham, NH
October 5	Anthony J. Simmonds	Grantham, NH	Mariah H. Vianna	
October 8	Robert D. Search	Grantham, NH	Ruth E. Lewis	Woodstock, VT
October 15	David B. Beckley	Grantham, NH	Sarah F. Baute	Grantham, NH

GRANTHAM TOWN MEETING

Tuesday, March 14, 2006

10 a.m.

New Grantham Town Hall

300 Route 10 South

Polls open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

GRANTHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

Tuesday, March 21, 2006

7 p.m.

New Grantham Town Hall

300 Route 10 South

ELECTION

Tuesday, March 14, 2006

Polls open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.